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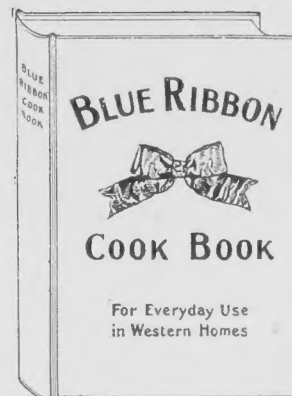
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THE SPIRIT OF THE EASTER LILIES.

By ELLEN FRIZWELL WYCKOFF.



I SHOULD like to see them when they are all in place. It has been such a long time since I saw any." A little eager flush fell over the pretty, faded face. "The last time," went on the low monotone that comes by right of divine mercy to persons that are much alone, "was the

They are just like white hands beckoning to me. I somehow feel invited. In our little garden they were so tall and white. And—and—he loved them dearly. I am glad they've brought so many for him. Yes, I shall slip over and see them."

The supper bell rang and Miss Allen went down. It was a long way down, for Miss Allen's room was just under the sloping roof. She had begun on the second floor, ten years ago, but she had gone upward, flight after flight, till at length she had reached the cheapest chamber under the roof. For her voice had failed ten years ago and she had come off of the stage, bringing her stage name with her. Part of it had always been her own and she clung to the quaint sweetness of it, lovingly.

Her money had given out soon after the beginning, and she had found work. All day long, year after year, she sat in a dingy little window in a great clothing house and worked buttonholes in the finer garments. But there had been more than one siege of illness, and there had been trouble with her eyes. So the buttonholes were fewer and the weekly check smaller and smaller.

It was at the beginning of the year that the new preacher had come to the church across the street. When Miss Allen had lived on the second floor she used to go over to church on Sunday mornings. But as her eyes grew worse and her check grew smaller and her rooms were nearer and nearer to the clouds, she had remained at home trying to be content with such scraps of the music as drifted her way. So she was not interested in the coming of the new minister.

"I think you'll all like him", Mrs. Grimley had said, smiling at the two rows of boarders. "He's a fine man, fresh from the country. I should be awful glad if you'd go over and hear him," and she looked at them pleadingly over the top of her big pewter coffee urn.

Miss Allen had felt no interest in the new preacher, but one day when she was at home resting her eyes, there was a death in the house, and Mrs. Grimley, loud-voiced in her aggressive sympathy, had passed Miss Allen's door with the new preacher in her wake. Miss Allen had heard them coming, the loud grief of the landlady, and the flapping of her slippers on the bare floor, and, beyond

these a firm footfall with a ring in it that caused the little woman to slip the bandage from her eyes and look up. The two were quickly past, but Miss Allen had fallen back in her chair, white-faced and trembling, and presently she crept off to bed to cower under the bedclothing, weeping and afraid.

She had grown stronger after a time, and in the darkness prayed blindly for light and for knowledge of what she ought to do. What she



"Watching him with fascinated eyes as he walked to church."

Sunday I sang the new anthem in the little white church at home—that last Sunday!" she was silent now, and a far-away look had come into the soft brown eyes.

And then, somehow, the elegant church across from her window faded away and the street changed to a green meadow, and beyond that was a hill with a little white church perched upon its rugged shoulder, and a fringe of live oaks and magnolias all around it. A wee brown cottage nestled like a bird among the green. And there were tears, now, in Miss Barbara Allen's pretty brown eyes, and when she blinked them bravely away, the meadow and the hill and the church and cottage went with them, and the elegant church with the busy street before it was in its accustomed place.

Men were carrying in the pots of tall, snow-white Easter lilies, and groups of smiling busy women were making the church ready for Easter morning.

"I think I shall creep over before the church is closed and look at them and smell them and touch them.



"A firm footfall caused the little woman to slip the bandage from her eyes and look up."



did do was to move up to the vacant chamber with the dormer window and sloping roof, and there were fewer days when she was away from the buttonholes at the dingy shop window.

On Sundays she had peeped out from a slit in the curtain that hung before the dormer window, and when she saw the tall figure of the minister at the corner of the street her face always whitened and she watched him with frightened, fascinated eyes as he walked down to the church. Sometimes she had seen him take off his hat, and she strained her eyes to catch the smile on his face and the glint of the sunlight on the threads of silver in his thick, dark hair.

The new minister had early won his way to Mrs. Grimley's heart, and his sayings and doings furnished her much food for conversation. She had been to his home, and one day she rounded it all up by declaring Mrs. Howell to be the sweetest and most.

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lovable woman in all the length and breadth of the city. That was the day that Miss Allen had fainted at the table. Two of the gentlemen had carried her up to her room.

When Miss Allen was well again she had watched as usual, but the minister was always alone. Sometimes she put on a veil and walked up and down the street upon which she knew he lived. She longed to know which house was his, but the courage to enquire was beyond her. The houses were set back in little gardens. She saw pretty smiling women and nursemaids with laughing children, and flowers and glimpses of happy homes. And after these walks her eyes were worse, and for all her going up to the cheapest room, she was no nearer out of the landlady's debt, and no nearer to the going away that she longed for.

So now the evening before Easter had come, and her check was pitifully small. When the bell rang she carried the slip of paper down and held it out tremblingly to Mrs. Grimley, before the others came in.

"You don't seem to be catching up any, do you, Miss Allen? Everything is awfully high now, and if you can find a cheaper place, I don't know but you'd better take it. I'd be willing to take what you owe me a little at a time. I can get more for that nice little south room than you are paying me," Mrs. Grimley said.

Miss Allen had expected it. She had tried to be prepared for it, but her knees weakened and she became faint and sick. The others came in and she dropped into her place and tried to eat.

The sound of the voices about her was as meaningless as the roar of the wind outside. She longed to be near the lilies in the church. She might have them now, all to herself. Tomorrow would be too late. She dared not wait. The sound of the preacher's voice might be too much for her. She must see the lilies now.

She hurried away unnoticed. The church door was open. The sexton was clearing away the litter of preparation. Like a whisp of shadow blown by the wind, Miss Allen crossed the street, and slipped into the great, solemn, silent church.

Her eyes filled with tears as she stood before the pulpit. The sexton was busy in the vestibule, and she crept to the altar and, hidden by the bank of tall lilies, pressed her lips to the floor. "Larry, if I hadn't, if only I hadn't come away," she whispered. She knelt, small and humble, behind the pulpit.

The scent of the lilies came to her with refreshing sweetness. Almost she heard the drip of the May-time rain on the low roof of the little brown house under the hill. She crept close to the lilies and lifted her hands up to them and pressed them against her hot cheeks. She kissed the shining petals, and her tears, like the drops of dew, glistened on them.

Then she closed her eyes and crouched low, for the sexton was coming inside. When she heard a door close, she ventured to look up. The church was quiet and the lights were out! A street light blazing against the beautiful windows shot their colors across the darkness.

With a cry of gladness Miss Allen sprang up. She might have the place to herself for a little while. She rested her head upon the open Bible and stained the pages with her hot tears. But after a short, fierce storm a calm came upon her. She knelt with clasped hands and uplifted face in the silent, holy place, and her low voice rose with the perfume of the lilies before the altar.

"He shall never know, Dear Lord. Only help me to hide away, only put me where I can do him no harm: for I am weak and I love him. Burv me away from his finding and let me be content with a life from which my own hand has shut all happiness. A life that is all but an unhidden death."

A new strength was upon her when she rose from her knees and stood again among the lilies. It was the strength of complete renunciation; and

with firm, quick step she walked down to the door. With her hand on the unyielding door-knob she trembled, dismayed. But there were other doors, and one by one she tried them all. They were locked and she was shut in. But the windows. She might find escape through one of these.

The windows were heavy, but she moved one a little way, straining every muscle in her frail body. And there was a hot flash of pain, a dull, sickening sound and darkness stifling and noiseless.

And then—was it the wind in the southern pines? Was it the ripple of the river on its way through the meadow? And then she remembered. It was the splendid music of the church organ. The pain throbbed through her again and she knew that her arm had been caught under the falling window. She was a prisoner and there were people in the organ loft. Oh, to get away, to die, to remain unseen!

They were practising the Easter

point of view?" And the pretty woman in the trailing blue velvet gown stopped suddenly before the shrinking figure under the window. "Mr. Howell," she called softly, "come here quickly!"

Together they looked down at the pleading, terror-stricken face. The minister pushed the window up and gathered the unconscious form in his strong arms.

The Easter sun was shining when she opened her eyes, but it was not through the dormer window that it came to her. There were lilies in its pathway and their fragrance came with the sunshine. And then she saw a broad east window with a row of lilies on the deep sill. And there were faces, and one of them was his. All the others vanished with the wide opening of her eyes, but his was close to her, and his arms were about her.

"Barbara, little woman, are you awake now?" Had she but dreamed it all? Was this her own chamber in the little brown cottage and was Lar-

The throat trouble came and I didn't go with the Company. I have been working. When you came I tried to get away, but—"

"It's all right now, little woman. The poor little arm will soon be well." He touched the bandages tenderly, and there were tears in his clear blue eyes. "It's so good to have you back, Barbara."

Barbara leaned back into the strong arms with a contented little sigh. It was good to be sheltered after the storm and stress of all the weary months that had passed. Surely life was worth living after all, and a vague sense of joy began to enter her heart. It soon fled, however, when she began to realize all that had transpired in the months since they had been separated.

"But, Larry, darling, don't you understand? There is your—there is—Mrs. Howell!" Her eyes were full of horror.

"Mother? Why, surely you don't mind mother, Barbara. You used to love her dearly. And she has been everything to me since—since they took you away. She sold the valley farm and we went away. I tried to forget you, but I was always looking for you. I read and studied, and at length mother thought of college. So I went and she kept house for me. Tell me, dear, that you don't mind having mother."

And then a sweet, rosy, wrinkled face bent over her and Barbara lifted her well hand and drew the face down to her lips. "Why, Barbie, little girl, how glad I am to have you back again." And tears ran like little rivers down the wrinkled cheeks.

"Can you forgive me? Can you forget that I was wicked and foolish and vain?" came sobbingly up from the pillow.

"Barbie," and the sweet old voice broke a little, "I've been thinking it out. Now you listen, little girl. It was an awful thing when they persecuted and crucified the blessed Lord. When they had buried Him, it seemed that there could never be any more joy or gladness or love in the world, but out of it we have our risen Redeemer."

"And so, Barbie, when the theatre people I took to board that summer, found your voice and tempted you away, when love and marriage seemed small and of poor account when you thought of the world and its applause, oh, then, girlie, everything looked dark for my boy and me. But out of the disgrace and sorrow and disappointment Larry has come up to be what he is, what he never could have been if peace had not gone with you from the little brown cottage. For we were all content. You went the wrong way, Barbie, but God brings good out of evil and life out of the grave."

Barbara laid her cheek against the wrinkled one and smiled her gratitude. Tears were too near the surface to trust herself to talk too much; then, too, the tumultuous thoughts rushed through her brain so rapidly, it was hard to know where to begin.

The perfume of the Easter lily filled the little room like incense on an Altar. The spirit of the day was upon the three and they sat silently with clasped hands until the chime of the Easter bells rang out clear and sweet.

"I must go now to preach mother's sermon to my people," the minister said, stooping to kiss Barbara's tear-stained face. "I won't stay, little wife."

The gentle old woman stood up and looked from one to the other. "I've been thinking it out," she said softly. "The world out there in the sunshine, and it is a bit cruel, as both of you know. When you come back, Larry, bring good old Doctor Osborn with you, and we'll have a renewing of vows, not because the old ones are not good enough for us, but for the sake of the people who ask questions that must be answered."

"She is right," Barbara said. "Oh, Larry, I'm so glad to be back with you, and it was the spirit of the Easter lilies that brought me!"

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music. There were many lights, and they shone upon the tall lilies and upon the white face under the window. Floating down through the sweet stillness came the beautiful anthem of the Lord: "Consider the lilies how they grow! They toil not neither do they spin. Yet Solomon, in all his glory, not arrayed like one of these."

And then she heard someone talking softly coming down the aisle. And she saw the minister, tall and grave, and beside him a yellow-haired woman in a trailing blue velvet gown. Her face was fair as one of the lilies and her grace as rare and stately.

"I am not altogether pleased with the arrangement of the last lilies. I wanted you to come and look at them!" and she smiled up into the minister's face.

"They seem very beautiful to me. Let us change them if another arrangement suits you better," he replied.

"Now, are they perfect from every

ry calling her in the old way to get his early breakfast? The light caught at the silver in his hair, and she knew. But her lips were dumb, and he looked down pitifully at the agony in her eyes.

"Aren't you glad to see me, Barbara? Is it—is it so bad as that?" He stood up, dismayed before her.

"Larry!" She caught his hand. "I've been so wretched. I've watched you from my window. I was going to hide somewhere. Don't think that I meant to spoil your life again. I just went there to see the lilies. They are like the ones you planted in our little garden. I wanted to touch them, and I could not get away."

He knelt down again and brushed back her soft brown hair. "I tried to give you up, Barbara, but I never could. Then your name was among the lost when the Sea Bird went down, and I thought you were with the Master."

"Yes. I don't blame you, Larry.

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From My Rosary of Easters--A Real Reminiscence.

By CLARA MORRIS.

Easter! What joy and triumph in the sound! If one wished to express Easter in one single word, I think *renewal* would be that word. The renewal of Nature's life in swift-rising sap and upspringing of grasses, the renewal of health and strength and joyfully quickened pulses in our own bodies, and, above all, the renewal of spiritual hope and faith in every tried soul. Easter is renewal—renewal is joy!

Long before the coming of our Master the power of this April time was felt and responded to by humanity, and was made a time of splendid festival in honor of the goddess of Love—Eoester. But after the blessed Lord's short and wondrous earthly life had been closed and followed by His glorious resurrection and ascension, the ecclesiastics applied the name to their great Christian festival, held to commemorate the blessed resurrection. So Easter has become to us not only an expression of physical joy in natural beauty, but is enriched with a spiritual meaning and value absolutely immeasurable.

But oh, the churches! The piled-up splendor, the glory of color, the ocean of perfume, the solemn thunder of organ, the high-piercing sweetness of young voices crying, "Holy! Holy! Holy!" The still white flame of lilies, the blushing azaleas' fleece of blossoms, the living trumpets of the crowding golden daffodils, the rustling like a wind when the great throng kneels, and the sea-like murmur of human voices repeating that most perfect, most touching prayer known, "Our Father—" A mysterious exaltation thrills all hearts, and as some voice mounts above the organ's roll, pure, clear, higher and even higher,

almost the listeners expect to see above them "the Spirit like a dove," as at Jordan. Oh, Easter, even if you fall in March, under the gray sky, the bellowing winds are the trumpeters of glorious tidings, and the whole earth tinkles with the silvery music of myriad streams, and rills and threads of running water, the very first thing spring frees from wintry death—ever triumphant and joyous spirit are you!

In reviewing my rosary of Easters, I came upon one so oddly different from the rest, so grotesque, so pathetic, yet so tremendously satisfying, that I venture to share its memory with you to whom I am speaking. A little girl, quite a little girl, since she awaited anxiously her eighth birthday, was by way of being intensely and most sincerely religious. She was not a happy little girl, being very poor and the adviser of her mother in matters that should have been Greek to her for years to come. So it happened that all her joy came from her worshipping love of the gentle Jesus, who was always tender to little children. The Sunday-school habit was so strong upon her that through summer's heat and winter's cold she attended faithfully a Methodist school in the morning and a far-off Presbyterian school in the afternoon, with a full service and sermon in between; and to show how deeply her feelings were engaged, she always read of the Crucifixion on her small knees, in all the starchy misery of stiff nantalets, and ended a mere sobbing, gasping, limp bunch of "frazzled" nerves.

Now this little girl, who had known cities all her life long, and had never seen the country, was suddenly transplanted to the true backwoods, experi-

encing the rough comfort of a clay-chinked log house, where cooking was done at the open fire; where the spinning-wheel whirled at one end of the room, and a loom bulked big out on the rough porch. Where each day was a long procession of wondrous discoveries, though the joy of them was stabbed often by the pain of contemptuous ridicule from a band of cousins, barefooted, loose-maned, who jeered at her ignorance of farm and forest.

But fancy what the blow was to the religious little maid when she learned there was no church to go to. Her old, old grandmother explained, while she dried the child's tears, how far away was the very nearest church; how only now and then a devoted man of God, riding circuit across prairie, through woods and up and down streams, came to this place, and according to the weather, held service at the log-cabin school-house or at some nearer farmhouse; where he would pray and preach, and do up all the marryings, and maybe go to some grave and make a prayer over the one who had been laid there in silence without religious funeral service.

From that time on the stricken little maid used to study her verses as usual, and content herself by reciting them to her mother. Then stealing out behind the big barn, sing a hymn, say a prayer, sing another hymn, and with bowed head dismiss herself, and go back to the house again.

Ere long the band of wild cousins discovered the city child had a gift for telling stories—stories of elves, of fairies, of battles, stories of Moses, and little Samuel, and of Jacob. Then as they gathered about her to listen with wide

eyes and quickened breathing, she felt her power and proceeded further to work her imagination, and made plays out of nearly every story told.

Well, things went well with Carrie until the approach of that churchless Easter Sunday. A sort of fever came upon the child. She fell asleep with tear-fringed lashes, she watched the rising sun with a great lump climbing high in her throat. She talked and talked of the glory and wonder of Easter and the shame and sorrow of doing nothing, nothing at all in memory of our Saviour's joyful rising from the grave. And the boys began to look gloomy, and say, "Gol darn, it is too bad!" And they even asked about going to that far-off village church. But Dad said, "It would take the whole day goin' and comin', and the horses wouldn't be fit for plowin' next mornin'."

Hearing that, Carrie fairly broke down and cried. Then with a pointed stick she drew on the dry road a ground plan of a church, showing where the pulpit stood, and the communion rail, and the three aisles, and made a round ring where the baptismal font went. And Aleck broke in with the suggestion:

"Why can't we have a church our own selves?"

"Oh, oh!" Millie exclaimed. "How awful! We'd be punished for playing church. It would be wicked!"

But Carrie was flushed and a-quiver with excitement.

"We won't play!" she panted. "We will have a real church. (Don't you remember—oh, don't you, 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, then am I in the midst of them?') We won't play; we will truly gather in His

Easter

EASTER MORN.

"Seek ye the Lord?" the angel said—
The Lord ye thought as with the dead;—
He here was laid,
But he has made
The tomb a glory-place instead!

"He is not here; thrice-victor he;
His bonds are burst, and he is free;
The Lord he lives,
And comfort gives
To those who wait in Galilee!"

Seek we the Lord and we shall find
A guardian blest, a Master kind,
Whose words, as balm,
Will soothe and calm
The weary heart and anxious mind!

AN EASTER HYMN.

BY THE RT. REV. J. L. SPALDING, D.D.

HAIL Easter Morn, hail new-born Life,
Forth rising from the grave!
The Lord hath conquered in the strife,
Who died from death to save.

Let the heavens weep for joy, and earth
In fragrant flowers bloom,
While we acclaim the glorious birth
Of life from out the tomb.

Let children's happy voices ring
In thankfulness and praise;
Let virgins whitest blossoms bring
And dew-besprinkled sprays.

Halleluia, halleluia still,
Till echo speak the song,
And every heart with gladness thrill,
And every soul be strong.

Where now, O Grave, thy victory?
Where now Death's cruel sway?
The Spell is broken, we are free,
And bright is all our way.

To Thee sweet Jesus, thanks be given;
To Thee our all we owe—
The joy of earth and hope of heaven,
And faith which conquers woe.

—Ave Maria.

Poetry

AN EASTER PRAYER.

CHARLES HANSON TOWNE.

O Thou who art the conqueror of death,
Thou who hast broken thro' the gates of
night,
Roll from my sepulchre of grief the stone,
And Lead me to the light!

O Thou who art the risen Lord to-day,
The victor over darkness, grief and sin,
Undo the seals of sorrow from my tomb,
And let the daylight in!

O Thou, the risen Christ, bid me arise
And Leave the death-like robes that I have
worn.
Roll back the stone, that I may see, dear
Lord,
The perfect Easter morn!

THE EASTER LILY.—By Minna Irving.

IT is only an Easter lily, brittle and blackened now,
But once as white as a snowdrift, and pure as an
angel's brow.
It is kept on a crimson cushion, with a yellow letter or two,
A button bearing an eagle, and a scrap of army blue,
She was a Southern maiden, slender and sweet and shy,
He was a youth from New Hampshire with a clear
and fearless eye.
Their love was newly plighted when the drums began to play,
And he left her hastening Northward, to muster against
the gray.

After the war was over, still in his blue and gold,
The captain rode to his sweetheart, but found her changed
and cold.

"Here is your ring of rubies, take it," she said, "and go!
I am Virginia's daughter, you are Virginia's foe!"
Slowly the years rolled onward, lonely and full of care,
Stealing away her roses, silvering o'er her hair.
Sometimes she read his letters while all the household slept,
Oft in the dreary midnight she called his name and wept.
When from the chains of Winter the blossoms found release,
She mailed him an Easter lily, a fragrant token of peace,

Culled from the chapel altar, in tissue and cotton sent,
Fresh and fair to her lover, far in the North it went.
Under her cottage window the tulip broke in flame.
When from his hills of granite in eager haste he came;
And ere the daffodil golden, darling of April, died,
Lo! to his stately mansion he bore his Southern bride.
There is a cabinet carved of scented woods, inlaid
With mother-of-pearl and silver, and ivory, gold and jade,
Are treasured a shriveled lily, a yellow letter or two,
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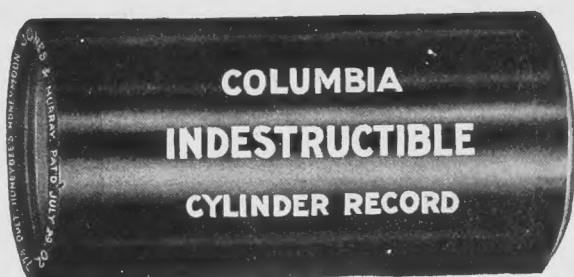


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name and—and perhaps He will be there. Anyway, He won't be angry to us for praying and singing to Him on Easter Sunday."

There was a thrilling silence. Then the girl of ten said, "Let's do it! Shall our church be in the barn?"

"Oh, no, no!" objected Carrie. "Let's make a church in some deep place in the woods!" And with eager faces they made a rush through the orchard and across a field to reach the privacy and beauty of the virgin forest.

The spring was well forward, and Easter Sunday fell in the second week of April. Tree-buds were swelling against the pale blueness of the sky. With a cry of joy, Carrie pointed to the pussy-willows, "See, there are our flowers for the altar!"

And in a mighty tangle of wild grape-vine, that fell like a lovely curtain from tree to earth, was selected the site for the church. Six rails, laboriously carried from a distant fence, were upreared, three at a side, their top ends meeting, and within that space four legs supported a starch-box pulpit, which Millie was to furnish with a "fair white cloth" and Carrie's own little Bible. The work was hard and at intervals they rested and earnestly discussed and elaborated their plans. Then arose the question of creed. "What is *this* church?" asked Aleck. "Dad used to be a Baptist once, and Mom and Gran are Methodists."

"Oh, we don't need any name," largely answered Carrie. "It's just the same God always, in all the churches. Ours will be just the Lord's Church."

They were all so curiously serious over their talk that never once did they break into romp or rough squabbling. The sun was low when they stood admiring the great triumph of their day. To finish their structure two small saplings growing close together in a direct line with the pulpit, by a united effort, were drawn down and their tops tied together, and when released they sprang up again and formed an arch that at once became the door through which they would enter their church on Sunday morning. Then binding themselves to secrecy, they wearily went home, where they could scarcely eat their supper, so nervously exalted were they, so enlarged by the mystery and secrecy beloved of small people.

Next day, Saturday, the sun shone after a shower with June force, but all remained at home lest curiosity should be directed toward that for-true church in the woods. They met in the hay-loft, and Carrie commenced to arrange her rubric for Sunday's service on the back of an envelope. The oldest boy was offered the position of preacher, but blushed red behind his freckles in "lowing he would help with the hymns and the amens, but he didn't know nothin' 'bout preachin'." Every one else shirked duty in like manner, and finally the whole responsibility was thrust upon Carrie; and she too reddened with confusion. Her service called for a prayer, then a hymn, after a reading from the Bible. Then a sermon, another hymn and prayer, and then dismissal. But she couldn't preach the sermon. For a moment the whole Easter scheme seemed tottering to its fall. The crooked elbow was already on its upward way to hide her tears, when memory came to her of a Quaker service she had attended; sitting amazedly through the long waits for the spirit-moved speech of some member. With radiant eyes, she announced:

"We will be just Quakers at the sermon-place, and then do all the rest the way we have it here."

Easter Sunday dawned with a soft and balmy air and a radiance of sunlight that made small Carrie's heart swell with rapture. There were many secret nods and signs exchanged between the small fry, and while Carrie repeated her verses and Millie's mane was plaited, Will was sent to gather catkins to decorate the pulpit.

He was also entrusted with the fair white cloth and the Bible, and was carefully instructed not to enter the church by the front way, but to creep in behind the pulpit, prepare it, and then back out and meet the congregation.

This plan was carried out to the letter. They crossed the field in open order; but in the wood, with serious faces, they

fell into line, walking sedately—Carrie and little Tom, Millie and Aleck, and Will behind. Chipmunks flashed and zig-zagged over the ground; squirrels skipt from branch to branch, and from deep in the woods came the strong drumming of the woodpeckers; while now and then small nuthatches corkscrewed their way about the great tree boles.

But the small congregation moved steadily on without comment, and came at last fair upon the arched entrance to their temple. They looked within, and then looked at one another—then within again, and gasped. For the floor space, that they had laboriously cleaned of ruck, was now a restless, waving sea of violet-pink wind-flowers. It was as if God had breathed upon the spot. Carrie's heart swelled high.

"Oh," she cried, "no other church has such flowers as these that themselves have bloomed for Easter!" And very carefully they entered through the arch, and picked their way over the sheet of blossoms that spread to the very pulpit's edge only to find glorious as a temple veil the fall of grape-vines, covered with the pink-gray velvet of half-opened leaves.

Carrie went to the pulpit, while the congregation sat down flat. After the first prayer, the hymn was given out. "On Jordan's stormy bank" rose on high, clear, childish voices. Then Carrie opened her small Bible and read some verses from the Sermon on the Mount. Then she closed the book and stated seriously, "Now we will be Quakers for a while and see if the spirit moves us to speech," and left the pulpit and seated herself with the congregation.

A perfect silence is a thing unnatural and uncanny to a child. These young creatures had their nerves tuned up to a high pitch; their imaginations were warmed and ready for action. Sitting with closed eyes and with inhaled breath, a thousand cracklings and small rustlings seemed to assail their ears as never before. Then something strange happened—from far it came, a slow deep sigh from the whole waiting wood. Then they felt an air pass above them; soft, warm, out from the East it came. They left some living presence was there. The color faded from their tanned cheeks; they tumbled to their knees and clung tight, each to the other, before this the miracle vouchsafed to them. Carrie in an agony of joy and terror cried, "Dear Savior, we are only little children; please don't frighten us, because we love you so!" Then ventured to open her eyes, and saw like a sign a bolt of living blue sweep downward on strong wing from the swaying grape curtain, and springing to her feet, with a very rapture, she cried, "He is not angry to us. We are not good enough for a dove to be sent, but He sends a bluebird! Now let us give thanks, and then we will be dismissed."

Down they dropped again, and with quivering voices said aloud the prayer that is suitable alike for infancy or old age. Then in one line, holding hands, they marched out of the solemn wood, and not one of that small group doubted the Presence at that grotesque but honest service of love and prayer and praise.

Carrie yet holds that Easter Sunday as one of the most spiritually satisfactory of the many she has known. I speak positively—yes, for I am justified, as you will see if you take from the corner shelf that small Bible, and look at the fly-leaf—for there you will find written in clerkly hand:

"This book was won at the First Presbyterian Sunday-School by Clara Morris, for the recitation of the greatest number of verses from the Bible." And to this very day, Christian as I hope I am, I still have a secret faith in the old pagan tradition, that the sun dances upon Easter morning.

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THE CASWELL'S EASTER.

By ELIZABETH PERKINS.

MILES TORREY had not written when he was coming home, for he dearly loved a surprise, and there was nothing for it but to walk the two miles from the railroad station or wait till morning.

The leaves had fallen from the trees, and when he reached a certain rise in the "swamp" road he paused to take an observation. There, over across on the "Bridge" road, was the old Torrey homestead, looking exactly as it had always looked. Farther on were the Gilsens' roofs, then the Witherells' chimneys, and away beyond the unpainted corner of something that must be the little new chapel his mother had written about. On the nearer side was the Harwood place, and, nearer yet, the Caswells' barn, which, from this point, he remembered, shut off the view of the house.

Miles continued on his way with a feeling of lively satisfaction in finding so few changes after his five years' absence, so when he had turned the corner and come to where the Caswells' house ought to be and there beheld only its blackened timbers lying on the ground, he was a good deal shocked.

"When and how did it happen?" he asked his mother, after he had enjoyed to the full her astonishment at seeing him, and each had inquired after the other's health.

"It was three months ago, in September, just after that last letter I

sent," Mrs. Torrey told him. "Doctor Burrell came along one day and said old Jed Washburn had been taken sick, all alone there in his out-of-the-way tumble-down place, and they packed up some things and started right off to do what they could for him."

"Aunt Mary and Uncle Nathan all over!" exclaimed Miles. "I guess there was never anybody in trouble anywhere around that they didn't start right off to help them."

"They think the chimney must have been burning out and somehow set fire to the woodwork inside," Mrs. Torrey went on. "At any rate, nobody saw the smoke in time to save anything, and everything was flat when they came back."

"Too bad, too bad!" said Miles. "I suppose they went to live with the boys?"

"Yes, though I couldn't make out from their letter which one they're with. Neither Mary nor Nathan were ever much for writing."

After talking for awhile on matters that concerned themselves more nearly, Miles spoke again of the Caswells. "I don't like to think of that gap in the landscape," he said.

"I never look over that way, if I can help it," his mother confessed. "I've somehow always thought of that house and this as twins; you know your grandfather and Nathan's father had them built the same year, according to the same plan, and they were as near alike as two houses could be, only that one was a great deal pleasanter, being on the other side of the road. But, dear me! I

wouldn't mind so much about the house if we could have Nathan and Mary. We all miss them so—you don't know!"

"Perhaps they'll build again." "Oh, they can't. They were too good-hearted ever to save much, and there was no insurance."

"It isn't likely that Ed nor Gib can help them any," Miles reflected. "They're two as good fellows as ever lived; but they were never money-makers. I would have stopped to see them as I came through the city, if I hadn't been in such a hurry to get home. But I'm going again soon, to talk with an architect."

"An architect?" Mrs. Torrey's face flushed. She had always wanted a new house—one in which the south side was not wholly taken up with entries and stairways and closets—a house with a bathroom and a furnace and bay windows, and possibly a little conservatory. Was her wish to come true? or was Miles thinking of getting married?

"Yes, Mother, I've made my pile out there, and you're going to have your house."

"But, Miles, have you made enough for that? It takes a good deal of money."

He laughed as he took from his pocket an old letter and wrote some figures on the back of it and handed it to her. "That's the amount of tribute I've wrung from the Klondike, Mother."

Ellen Torrey gasped as she read it. "Why—Miles!" she cried, "and I almost thought you were coming home without anything. It doesn't

seem possible! Why, that is more than all the Torreys put together ever had since I knew them." Then she, too, laughed. "I guess I needn't worry about your not being able to afford a house."

"I guess not, either," he agreed. "I'm going to start on the building of it just as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring."

"Where are you going to have it?" "Where the house is now is the sightliest spot on the farm, isn't it?"

"Yes, I think so. What will you do with this house?"

"Tear it down, I suppose," he answered slowly, "though I kind of hate to."

"I shouldn't quite like that either," Mrs. Torrey said, "even though I never liked the house."

"We might move it off somewhere," Miles suggested.

"That would be better, I think," she agreed.

They were both silent for several moments, then Mrs. Torrey cried out suddenly. "Oh, Miles! Why couldn't it be moved over for the Caswells?"

He was alert in an instant. "That's so!" he exclaimed, "and not let them know anything about it till 'twas all ready for 'em. Wouldn't it be great?"

"But could it be moved, with this big chimney and all?" Mrs. Torrey asked anxiously.

"Pshaw, yes! I'd risk Andrew Hale to move anything on top of the earth."

"Then that's settled," said Mrs. Torrey happily.

"But, Mother!" Miles laughed in the midst of it. "Maybe they don't

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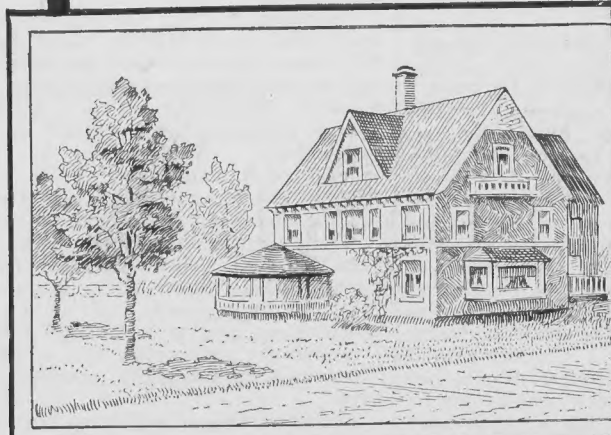
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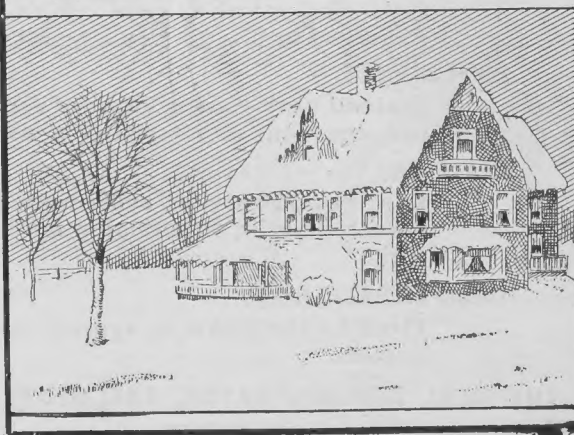
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want to come back. Likely as not they're better suited with the city than they were with the country, and wouldn't come back for anything.

"Maybe so," she assented doubtfully. "But you will be seeing them pretty soon, and can find out all about it."

It was two weeks later when Miles went to the city. He met Nathan Caswell on the street, not far from his son Ed's house. His white hair and beard, his bent figure, and an air of depression, made him look pathetically old for a man but little over sixty.

Miles barred his way. "Don't you recognize your old neighbors, Uncle Nathan?" he asked, smilingly.

It was wonderful how the bent figure straightened and the dull face lighted up. "Well, well, well!" he exclaimed, shaking hands as if he never would stop. "I don't know when I was ever gladder to see anybody than I be to see you, Miles Torrey."

He urged Miles to go back with him to the house. "Fannie's washing up the floors, and has got most of the windows up, airing out the rooms she's a pretty partic'lar housekeeper. Fannie is—but I reckon we can find a place somewhere to sit down."

"Of course I'm coming," Miles answered. "I don't want to miss seeing Aunt Mary."

"Oh, she ain't here," Uncle Nathan told him. "She lives to Gib's. I was jest starting over there to see her."

"Then I'll walk along with you," Miles said. "You don't mean to say, though, that you don't live together?" he asked incredulously.

"It ain't be'n so we could, yet," said Uncle Nathan. "You see, the folks in the city have to crowd up pretty close, and so I kinder fit in with the odd boy at Ed's, and Mother with the extra girl at Gib's."

"Humph!" said Miles bluntly. "I shouldn't think that was a very satisfactory arrangement. Why doesn't one of them hire a large tenement?"

"They do think mebbe they may, in the spring; but a bigger house would come consider'ble higher, and it costs a sight to move. Of course our being here is a good deal of expense to 'em, anyway," he added.

"Do you get to see each other often?" Miles asked.

"I walk out there every day, 'cept in real bad weather, then I stay to home, just to humor Mother, she's so afeared I'll get sick or suthin'. She ain't never got over the idee that I don't know how to take care of myself," he explained, with an indulgent laugh.

"She doesn't come to see you, then?"

"Oh, shes be'n a few times, but 'tis 'most too far for her to walk, and on the electrics it's a roundabout way, so's I'm scairt to death a-thinking she'll lose her way or get run over. She kinder hates to call on them for the money, too—though I wouldn't have you think they've ever begredegged it to her. They're real good to us, the boys are, and their wives, too."

"Well, are they contented there?" Mrs. Torrey asked Miles that evening as soon as he reached home.

"Contented!" he exclaimed. "Contented!" he repeated. "Why, Mother, I don't think you could scare up a more thoroughly homesick pair if you searched for a year. They're plucky though—not a word of complaint from either of them. But I sized up the situation: Uncle Nathan, who was always such a worker, has nothing at all to occupy him, and is as uneasy as a fish out of water; while Aunt Mary, the soul of order, is wearing herself out trying to keep things tidy in her easy-going daughter-in-law's house. They miss the old home, they miss their independence, and they miss each other."

"Did they say anything about coming back?" Mrs. Torrey asked.

"Uncle Nathan did, after we left Aunt Mary's. They want to come and camp out in their barn next summer, he to work for the neighbors. I guess the boys don't think much of

it, by the way he brightened up when I said 'twas a good scheme and we'd lend 'em the furniture for it. I made up my mind then and there that they must have this house. We'll give 'em the biggest kind of a surprise."

"I'm glad you said what you did about their camping out," said his mother. "It would have been cruel not to have let them have anything to look forward to."

"That's the way I felt. I stopped to see Hale on the way home. At first he said positively he wouldn't touch it till spring; but when he found 'twas for the Caswells, he said he'd watch his chances and move it this winter. It seems Uncle Nathan did him a kindness once, and he's never forgotten it."

"We can store our things and go to board with Susan Witherell," said Mrs. Torrey, energetically. 'Twill be a real help to her, and will give me time to spend fixing up the house inside after it's moved."

The winter was long to the Caswells. "If it wa'n't for Miles Torrey coming to see us and tell us the news now and then, I don't see how we could endure it to wait till summer," Aunt Mary said once, in an unusual burst of feeling.

"And summer is only a 'perhaps,'" Uncle Nathan returned dejectedly. "Ed and Gib seem to think it so foolish, our wanting to go back, and Fannie and Sophie are so afeared we couldn't stand it to rough it! Land o' Goshen, who cares if 'tis! And I could stand it to live in a barrel, like an old settin'-hen, 'f the barrel was on the old farm."

"I'd be glad to do it," Aunt Mary responded, laughing a little at the idea.

"Seems 'sif 'twould be too good to be true for us ever to go back there, even for a day," Uncle Nathan said, with homesick longing.

But in March came Miles Torrey with an invitation: "Mother wants you both to come out and stay over Easter Sunday; the new chapel is going to be dedicated then. And I am going to take you there in my new automobile."

The journey was interrupted halfway by the rain, and Miles and his guests had to spend the rest of the afternoon at a hotel. At nine in the evening, however, the rain had entirely ceased, and they started once more. The air was warm, but there was a great deal of water standing in the road, and that and a dense fog made it necessary to proceed at a snail's pace.

Aunt Mary's and Uncle Nathan's cheerfulness was unimpaired, but Miles was disappointed and disgusted. This was all so different from what he had planned. The afternoon was with rousing reception and a big supper at the end of it. He had imagined exactly how Uncle Nathan and Aunt Mary would look when the old-new house burst upon their astonished vision. Now he would have to tell them about it, and it would be all so very flat and tame.

Then suddenly the fog suggested an idea. He would still let them think they were going to visit his mother, and let the situation reveal itself as it would. He could not be a witness to the surprise, but wouldn't it be tremendous! He laughed as he thought of it, and began to talk very fast to divert Aunt Mary and Uncle Nathan and keep them from thinking too much where they were going. He even went by a little different route from usual to throw them more entirely off their guard.

"Here we are, at last," said Miles, bringing the automobile to a stop. "And it is as I feared; everybody is abed."

"Don't wake her up!" they both besought him earnestly. "You jest show us to our room, and we won't make a bit more noise than we can help."

"Perhaps I'd better do that way," said Miles, with a show of reluctance. "Mother would like it, of course, but she's such a shy sleeper—she probably wouldn't go to sleep again all

night—and she's been pretty nervous lately. You wait here, and I'll see if I can get in myself."

In a few minutes they heard him slip the bolt in the front door, and then he came out to them with a very dimly burning lantern.

"Somehow or 'nother I can't make it seem at all natural, here," said Uncle Nathan, when they were on the ground. "Miles has be'n talking so interesting about that mining country that I'd no idee we'd come anywhere near so far, and I've let myself get turned 'round completely."

"No wonder, with the fog so thick you can't see your hand before your face," laughed Aunt Mary. "I was thinking there was a little more of a rise up to Ellen's front door," she added meditatively.

Miles uttered an exclamation. Something had just happened to the lantern and it had gone out just as the door was reached.

"Never mind," whispered Aunt Mary. "You jest lead the way and we'll follow."

So in the dark he conducted them to their room, where he presently brought them a lighted lamp and left them.

"Why, Nathan Caswell!" his wife cried, as she gazed about her. "Jest see what Ellen Torrey has done! She's gone and fixed this room up exactly as ours used to be."

"Why, so she has!" said Uncle Nathan. "That old chest of drawers—and the high-post bed—and the looking-glass; they be the very image of our'n."

"But the wall-paper, Nathan—and the chairs and straw matting! Ellen must have done it a-purpose. 'Twas cretful kind of her, I think."

It seemed as if they couldn't gloat over it and exclaim over it enough. "We can putend for one night that we're in the old house, and it never burned down," Aunt Mary said.

"Feather bed, too," Uncle Nathan said, as he settled down into it with a sigh of content. "I s'pose them hard old mattresses are more healthy—Fannie says they be—but I'm blest if I ever could think they was comfortable."

A Sabbath quiet brooded over the house when they awoke in the morning. Outside they could hear the birds singing—chickadees, bluebirds, a robin, a nuthatch.

They talked for awhile in whispers, then Uncle Nathan said, "Dont you s'pose we could get up real still and slip out and over to the old place? Seems 'sif 'twould make it seem more like Sunday somehow."

"I don't see why we couldn't," Aunt Mary answered. "I wonder if we can see it from here."

She got up and went to look out of one of the front windows.

"Why!" She held the curtain farther aside and looked harder. "Whv. I can't make it seem—right. Why, 'the sun is rising over across the road in the west, or else I'm losing my mind!'"

Uncle Nathan sprang out of bed and stared out over her shoulder. "It ain't the Torrey place," he said slowly. "Miles has been playing some

joke on us. If I didn't know it couldn't be, I should think—"

Nathan!"—as the sun burst forth—He went to a window on the other side.

"Mary—come quick!" he cried excitedly. "It's our elm tree, and our barn; the Torrey place is over there, and their house is gone!"

Aunt Mary sank into a chair. "What does it mean?" she asked weakly.

"I don't know," he answered, beginning to dress in feverish haste. "Hurry up and we'll go somewhere and find out."

They were both dressed, when a large piece of paper, half under the door, caught their attention. As Uncle Nathan's name appeared on it, he opened and read it.

"They moved the Torrey house over here and fitted it all up for us," said Uncle Nathan in an awed voice.

They looked at each other as if stunned for a moment, then Aunt Mary threw herself into Uncle Nathan's arms and they cried together.

He was first to recover. "How ridiculous for us to stand here a-weepin!" he said. "Come—let's explore."

Aunt Mary wiped her eyes and followed him out into the kitchen.

"Just like our old one, for all the world!" said Uncle Nathan. "And the woodbox full of kindlings, all ready to start a fire."

In a vase on the sitting-room table was a bunch of beautiful Easter lilies. Aunt Mary's eyes filled again as she bent over them. "We mustn't forget 'tis Easter, Nathan," she said.

"I guess there ain't no danger," he answered soberly. "I feel 'sif I understood how them two Marys and the disciples felt, better'n I ever did before, from knowing how I feel just to have our old home come to life again."

They went over the house together. "I see how 'twas," said Aunt Mary thoughtfully. "As long as the house itself was like the old one, they thought they'd make the rooms as near like as they could, and everybody helped. The grandfather clock must have come from Jed Washburn—you know his and our'n was jest alike; the sitting-room carpet is the one Susan Wetherell had in her spare room—we bought 'em off the same piece; the paper is some Silas Crane had left on his hands when he failed up five years ago; Dr. Burrell gave that old desk—why! I can tell where 'most every single thing come from!"

They visited the pantry last. There, in the usual place, on the shelf in front of the window, was a pot of beans and a loaf of brownbread. While these were warming for breakfast, Uncle Nathan and Aunt Mary discovered their own old cow, Brindle, out in the barn.

"I don't see how we can be any happier when we get to heaven than we be to get back here," Uncle Nathan said, two hours later, as he hid the doorkey in the old familiar place under the corner of the doorstep.

Then with grateful hearts they walked along the road they had traveled so many times before, to meet their old neighbors and join them in the Easter service at the new chapel.

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One of Our Readers Tells How
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That settled it. I gave up the idea and kept right on washing in the same old way. I confess I felt hurt, but I knew John had no notion how hard it was to do the washing for a family of five—three of them little tots.



John's Busy Days.

I am not very strong, and the washing, with all my other work, finally got the better of me. I had quite a sick spell, and after things had gone at sixes and sevens for nearly two weeks I suggested to John that he had better do the washing. We couldn't hire a girl for love or money, and the situation was desperate.

So one morning he started in. My! what a commotion there was in the kitchen. From my bedroom I occasionally caught glimpses of poor John struggling with that mountain of dirty clothes.

If ever a man had all the "exercise" he wanted, my husband was that man! Couldn't help feeling sorry for him and yet it made me laugh, for I remembered how he made fun of me when I hinted so strongly for a 1900 Gravity Washer. When he finally got the clothes done and on the line he was just about "all in."

That evening John came to my room and said kind of sheepishly: "What's the name of the firm that makes those Washers you were telling me about?" I looked up their ad-

vertisement and found the following address:

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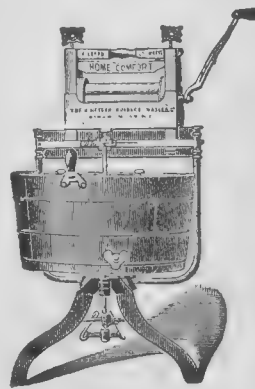
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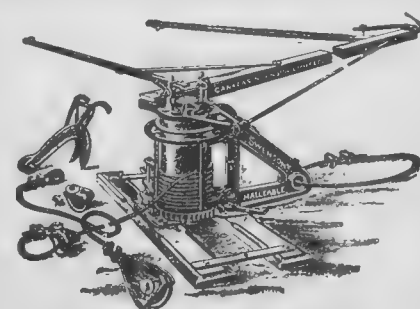
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The Indissolubility of the True Marriage.

By Lloyd Starr.

If a woman has been left a widow, has she a right to marry again?

If a man has been left a widower, has he a right to marry again?

The subject is an old one—a very old one—but it is continually assuming new phases. The latest phase is the facility with which modern disciples of the creed answer the questions for themselves in the affirmative, a phase which makes one wonder if the *Esprit De Corps* of matrimony is waning and if constancy is a departed jewel.

We read a great deal in our time about the multiplicity of divorces, the laxity of the divorce law, and the consequent dire effects on our future manhood and womanhood; but never a word do we read about the second marriage, not the result of a divorce, but of a death. The mental attitude which harbors this ability to love again ostensibly is everywhere regarded as a rightful part of our earthly existence.

Let us see if such a view can be defended: Suppose a man takes to himself a woman totally unsuited for him—the friction increasing with the years—that man never truthfully interpreted his marriage vows, could not "love her, comfort her, honor—her" in life nor grieve for her in death. That man never was married. On the grounds of divine inheritance is he not therefore entitled to a true union?

But the man who seeks and finds the woman of his heart, and, until death intervenes, lives happily in her company—that man truthfully interpreted his marriage vows, could "love her, comfort her, honor—her" in life and grieve for her in death. That man was married. On what grounds, therefore, is he entitled to another union?

Some of the arguments adduced in favor of this second marriage where there has already been a first and true marriage run as follows:

"His wedded life was blissful, but it had an early and sorrowful termination. He took unto himself another wife to show that, while matrimony has tribulations, still it is a success."

Or "Papa felt so lonely without a companion, felt so lonely he couldn't endure it."

Or "She had three children to bring up and drew very little life-insurance. That was why she accepted him."

Or Mr. — believed his motherless boy needed a woman's directing hand."

If a man's wedded life was blissful through the agency of love, and then miserable through the agency of death, the causes that made his life blissful and miserable do not end. They live as an experience. They are an indissoluble part of him and all that he has been. He cannot escape from these causes by inviting a second union. He cannot escape from them unless he escapes from himself, because the true companionship of life is God-given, God-guided; and what is God-given, God-guided, is in essence perennial. The grave is no interceptor.

Modification of this view must tend to give marriage—divinest of all institutions—the savor of commercialism, drag it down to the level of brute creation where blind instinct prevails, and where devotion is purely sexual.

As to Argument No. 2, an affectionate man naturally feels lonely when his wife, in truth, is no longer his earthly helpmate. But, in the majority of cases, is that loneliness not shared by children—his children? The loss of the mother to them is just as mournful as the loss of the wife to him. And what redress have the children? None now, though some day it may become fashionable for a son to take unto himself a foster-father when his own father dies, a daughter a foster-mother when her own mother dies, instead of as at present both being taken unto foster-fathers and mothers.

If a widow has three children to educate and little monetary assistance she appears to be on the sympathy of the world. Yet that in itself is insufficient

justification for a second marriage. If the woman is imbued with the sacredness of the first marriage she will not permit herself to think of a second marriage. She will look to the world and her ability to make the best of a sad situation. She will know these sad situations exist for the exalted as well as for the humble—make up life's crises. And she will know that the Crown of Wild Olive is not for those who flee from the crises, but for those who face them.

We have many instances where courageous women have endured the varying trials of widowhood and consequently won the love and reverence of their children as they never could have done in the role of second mother. And we have instances, too, where homes have been swept by calamity and where maidens with sweat of brow, have watched over baby brothers and sisters, and grown grander in God's image for having done so. Yet we do not hear of any plan whereby such noble characters are to be superannuated in their non-earning days. Is the widow entitled to alleviation but not the maiden?

The fact that a widower has a wayward boy is scarcely valid reason for marrying again. There are numbers of homes where fathers and mothers are both living and where continuous battle is being waged against the symptoms of insurrection in a youth. If the mother who surely understands her offspring cannot rule the boy, can a mother who is a total stranger to him? If the boy is able to face the world, the step-mother will find little difficulty in driving him from home. But that is not ruling him. It is not ruling herself.

In the foregoing we have a survey of a few of the arguments adduced in favor of second marriage, where there has already been a first real and true marriage, with reasons both from practical and sentimental viewpoints, why those arguments are considered untenable. Now, let us turn to history that we may observe how the sacredness and beauty of marriage—first and only marriage—operates on the human mind. Perhaps from these glimpses of the famous dead—here a poet singing of love and living the antithesis of it; here a poet at oneness with himself and his hymen—we may arrive at a more appreciable understanding of the omnipotence of the connubial law than did our forefathers.

The world looked serenely on Longfellow's unions—saw one eventful period succeeded by another—yet the world knew, or ought to have known, that as the poet's first union was a true union, only an effacement of the memory of it could make a second union possible.

The world looked on Burns as the husband of Jean Armour, saw him go to the fields like a man in a maze, saw him meander in to write on the "departed shade" and the groans that "rend the breast." Yet did the world wonder how so proud a spirit as Burns could ever have resolved himself into that state whereby he could accent the shadow marriage because he had lost the substance marriage?

The world looked on Josephine, relict of a great and distinguished soldier, saw Napoleon espouse her and rejoiced at the good fortune. And, if the East Wind of humiliation had not swept across her pathway, the world might have continued to think her fortunate. Yet would not Josephine, the inflexible widow of a Beauharnais have been a more worthy character to dote upon than Josephine, the ambitious for power, the ambitious for wealth, and the proselyte of inconstancy when such was essential to the realization of these sordid ambitions?

The world looked on Lowell's overwhelming grief at the death of his first wife and, perhaps, ventured to believe that one who could sing

"I love her with a love as still

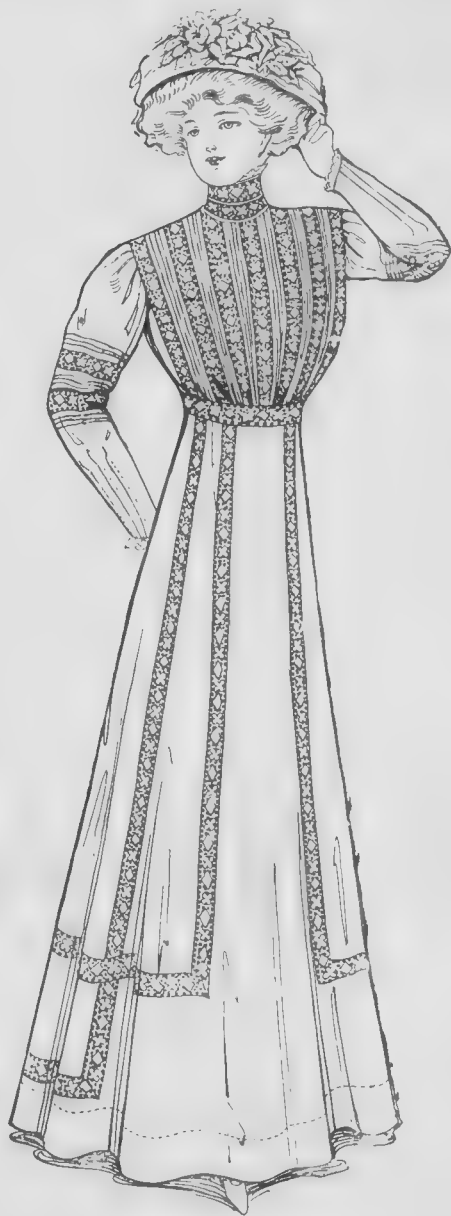
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"Whether, as now, we journey hand in hand,
Or, parted in the body, yet are one
In spirit and the love of holy things."

could never know a second home-coming of the heart. But when the world saw the wooing of Miss Dunlap, and had a smile for the altar scene, did it re-read those lyrical and elegiac effusions with the same responsive passion?

The world looked on the love companionship of Thomas Hood and his Jane Reynolds—a companionship of twenty-one years—only to be dissolved by death, but really never to be dissolved. When the world saw the wife's queenly solicitude for the poet in his closing hours, and saw her, as the result of that queenly solicitude, contract the symptoms of a fever which was to lay her in the grave eighteen months after—the world had no reason to conjecture why he who could carol about "men with mothers and wives" could fain endure those closing hours without her presence at his side.

And, lastly, the world read Campbell's lines on the death of an admiral of the same name; and when on the 15th June, 1844, it read anew about the grief that

"O'ercomes the heart unconscious of relief."

could it help but discern the accordant sublimity of the fourteen years of living in the memory of "the bosom friend, dearer than all"?

Thou art not dead; thou art not gone to dust;

No line of all thy loveliness shall fall
To formless ruin, smote by Time, and thrust

Into the solemn gulf that covers all.
Thou canst not wholly perish, though the sod

Sink with its violets closer to thy breast;

Though by the feet of generations trod,
The headstones crumble from thy place of rest.

Oh, once! once bending to these widow'd lips

Take back the tender warmth of life from me;

Oh, let thy kisses cloud with swift eclipse
The light of mine, and give me death with thee!

The Prayer of Cyrus Brown.

"The proper way for a man to pray,"
Said Deacon Lemuel Keyes,
"And the only proper attitude,
Is down upon his knees."

"No, I should say the way to pray,"
Said Reverend Doctor Wise,
"Is standing straight, with outstretched arms,
And rapt and upturned eyes."

"Oh, no; no, no," said Elder Slow,
"Such posture is too proud:
A man should pray with eyes fast closed
And head contritely bowed."

"It seems to me his hands should be
Austerely clasped in front,
With both thumbs pointing toward the ground,"
Said Reverend Doctor Blunt.

"Las' year I fell in Hodgkin's well
Head first," said Cyrus Brown,
"With both my heels a-stickin' up,
My head a-p'inting down;

"An' I made a prayer right then an' there—
Best prayer I ever said,
The prayin'gest prayer I ever prayed,
A-standing on my head."

—Sam Walter Foss.

Which Are You?

The two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Wherever you go you will find the world's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes.

And oddly enough, you will find, too,
I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters who toll down the road?

Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?

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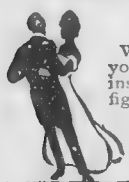
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Correspondence

This month we print another grist of letters on the matrimonial question.

During the past month the number of letters addressed to our correspondence department exceeded that of any previous month. It is a matter of gratification to know that our readers appreciate our efforts in placing so much of our space at the disposal of readers who desire to express their views on the matrimonial question as it presents itself to those of us in Western Canada.

If you desire to form the acquaintance of any lady writer writing in the correspondence columns of this magazine, address the Western Home Monthly, enclosing in a sealed envelope with stamp attached, letter intended for such writer as you may designate and we will forward it through the mail to the party you so intend it for. When writing us, please give full name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

Good Cookery Substitute for Beauty.

Manitoba, March 22, 1909.

Editor.—Having been a constant reader of your most interesting paper, and having had considerable amusement out of the correspondence column, I have decided to join your merry circle; that is, if this letter escapes the waste basket. I am of medium height, brown hair and eyes, weigh 104 pounds, and have never been called ugly, nor yet an old maid. I am, as a great many of your writers, a farmer's daughter, and although I have spent some months in town, I prefer the country, in summertime anyway.

Now, I think it is hardly fair to call the city girls down so, for the boys must be as bad, though so far I have found neither sex so very bad.

I think "Tipperary's" letter in the November issue quite amusing. Sav. girls, he is in an awful hurry; take pity on him some one. Yes, "Greenhorn," feed a man when your beauty has failed and he will forget your failing when he thinks of your good cookery; and they also save good things are done up in small parcels; but so is poison. However, a line from you or any of the others would be most welcome to me. My address is with the editor.

"Hazel."

Weary Willie Euminates.

Arcola, Sask., March 21, 1909.

Editor.—I have been reading the W. H. M. for some time though I am not a subscriber, but soon will be. I think it a grand paper for young folks. I have become interested in the correspondence column. Some of the letters are very good; they catch me just right. I would like to correspond with any of the girls or boys who would write to

me. I am very fond of receiving letters and answering them as promptly as I receive them.

As it is customary to describe one's self, I will do so. I am 5 feet 3 inches in height, weigh 150 pounds, brown hair and blue eyes, aged 21 years. Just my own boss a short time. Do not drink anything stronger than tea, use no tobacco of any kind and am naturally fond of music. Dance a little. Would be pleased to see this in print if the waste basket is not too handy. Wishing the W. H. M. every success.

"Weary Willie."

"Maloney" Bars Catholics.

Calgary, Alta., March 20, 1909.

Editor.—Having been a reader of the W. H. M. for some time I thought I would join the ranks of the correspondents. I would be pleased to hear from any of the fair lassies from 25 to 30, except Catholics, as I am a Protestant—Methodist. I am a bachelor with a homestead, and horses and implements enough to work the same, and I think there is plenty of room for a helpmate. If it is my good fortune to get a wife who is capable of taking care of her part of the work, I will make it very pleasant for her as I have batched long enough to appreciate a good wife. I would not expect her to be everything, such as chore boy, roustabout, etc.

I am fond of music, singing, reading and skating. I do not use liquor, nor chew, but take a smoke once in a while. I am 32 years old and 5 feet 7 inches tall, weigh about 140 pounds, dark hair and blue eyes. Wishing your paper every success.

A Good Sensible Letter.

Dauphin, Man., March 24, 1909.

Editor.—Being much pleased with the letter written by "Dotty Dimples," of Prince Albert, in your November issue, I thought I would have one published too, if you will permit, and also take this opportunity of enclosing a letter which you will kindly forward.

I judge from hers, with many other letters, that she is not on a matrimonial hunt but rather enjoys the tinge of romance in connection with an acquaintance through correspondence. Being in the same boat I beg to be introduced. Thanks!

Though it seems customary to describe one's self, I wish D. D. to write to me so think it policy to withhold, just at present at least, the awful truth. It is only fair to her to say, however, that I'm under thirty and single, also she will have no complaint to make regarding Carrie.

I might just say that I have been reading the W. H. M. for several years now and find it very instructive, interesting and, considering some of the letters, amusing. I read the letters and try to imagine what the writer is like. With the information in the letters, and between the lines, you can generally get at least an idea of them spiritually, morally and physically. I think your correspondence department is much to be appreciated; besides its value for pastime there is a considerable educational value to be derived from it. I would rather see the members endeavoring to raise the standard of these columns than to be continually harping

on what chores a woman should do and what habits a man should have. Were this a strictly matrimonial bureau this would be all right, but I think I am correct, sir, in maintaining that it is not, though a happy marriage may result from an acquaintance gained through this medium and followed by personal acquaintanceship as well as being personally introduced. I would not care to correspond with any one becoming a member for the sole purpose of matrimony, but I do enjoy correspondence for itself. I thank you, "mine host," for many pleasant evenings spent through your hospitality, with "our mutual friends."

"A Guest."

Wants Lady to Send Photo.

Saskatchewan, March 12, 1909.

Editor.—Would you be gracious enough to print this letter for me in your esteemed paper? Would any young lady about the age of 24 to 25 answer this. I am a young man, 26 years old. I neither swear, chew, smoke or drink, and at present I have a situation on a large farm, but I have hopes of having a farm of my own. I want a young woman to marry who will make me a good wife. Will any of your young women answer, and may I ask, will you kindly send a photo if you do. My address is with the editor.

Hardworking."

Found Courage at Last.

Erindale, Ont., March 14, 1909.

Editor.—I am a very interested reader of the W. H. M. and watch for its coming with eagerness every month. I have written several letters but always tore them up, but at last I have gotten up courage to write in earnest.

I am 18 years old, but it takes too long to tell of my beauty. I have told "Adonis" in my letter to him which I would be very pleased if you would forward. Wishing your paper the success it deserves, I will sign myself "Cheyenne."

"Laughing Water" Writes the Boys.

Ontario, March 20, 1909.

Editor.—I have been a reader of your delightful paper for some time and especially like the correspondence pages; the letters are very interesting and so amusing. I have been thinking of writing for some time, so will you kindly make room in your valuable paper for this letter from "Laughing Water?"

Quite a number of the very young girls seem to be on the outlook for a hubby. Wait a while girls, what is all the hurry. I think girls of 16 or 17 are better at school educating their mind instead of thinking about getting married.

It is a pleasure to see that so many of the Western boys are total abstainers. I admire them for it; it would be a happier country if there were more of the same kind. Some of those Western bachelors who write are the right kind of chaps and will be able to appreciate a good wife, while others expect to get one that will be a sort of chore boy for them. Now, if a woman makes the home bright and sunny, and does her best to make things pleasant, she should be let know how much she is appreciated. It is more than mean for a

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man to lavish all his love and tenderness on a girl before their marriage and use her any old way after it. She should be treated just as gently and as courteously, and there would be more happy homes; for I tell you, boys, these are the little attentions that count and make a woman happy. "A loving woman finds heaven or hell on the day she becomes a bride." And if the man does his part well, of course, the girl should do her best to make herself and everything else as bright and attractive as possible and use her hubby as kindly as she herself would wish to be treated, so that their home would be the dearest spot on earth.

The man I marry must not drink, chew or swear, but I will want him to smoke the pipe of peace, and he must be kind to horses and all dumb animals. I would rather be beaten myself than see them abused. He must also take an interest in church and everything noble and good.

I suppose everyone will be wondering what old "solemn Johnny" wrote such an awful lecture as this for. Well, I am not the least bit solemn or cross, but I had better describe myself or the boys will think I am an old and ancient maiden aunt.

"Laughing Water" is a farmer's daughter of 21 summers. She likes to milk cows but will run from them if they happen to have long horns. She is 5 feet 4 inches high and weighs 116 pounds, has dark brown hair, with eyes of violet blue. Good features, a fair complexion, with cheeks as red as a ripe snow apple. Have often been told that I am pretty but do not think I am myself. Now this is the honest truth. I am very fond of music, reading and all beautiful things. I like skating and outdoor sports and lots of fun and company; take an interest in everything and every person. I would like to correspond with some of the Western boys and girls, for in the winter months it is often lonely in our big white tepee with my sisters all at school and my brothers away to the hunt.

I am not one of the ones who are thinking of getting married as I think there is plenty of time, but would like to write for pastime. I like the letters written by "Adonis" and "Uncle Bill" in the September number and by "Challenge" and "Sauerkraut Bill" in October number, and "A Mountain Bachelor" in the November number. Now boys I will be pleased to correspond with you, but would like you to write first as I feel rather shy. I like "Adonis's" description of himself; it just suits me. Home he and "Challenge" will write or exchange post cards. I will leave my address with the editor and will try to answer any one who would care to correspond. My best wishes to every one the wide world over.

"Laughing Water."

No Mail Order Hubby for this Girl.

Ontario, March 16, 1909.

Editor.—I have for some time been a reader of the W. H. M. and like it very much. I live on a farm but don't have to work out of doors except to milk. I can play the piano or organ, like dancing but don't approve of cards, drinking or tobacco. Am 5 feet 6 inches tall, have brown hair and hazel eyes. I am 23 years old.

I don't approve of advertising for a husband or wife. I would like to be able to talk personally with any one I was going to marry.

I noticed some one said one country girl is worth ten city girls. Now, I don't think that is right, although I'm a country girl myself. I am acquainted with some city girls and think they are all right. I would like to exchange post cards with girls or boys. My address is with the editor. Hoping to see this in print, I am, "Ontario Girl."

Down on the Boozer.

Ontario, March 19, 1909.

Editor.—As this is my second attempt at sending a letter to the correspondence page of your interesting paper, I hope it will have better success than my first epistle, which never appeared at all.

Everyone seems to be discussing the matrimonial question and therefore, like "Alexy Ann," I desire to have my say with the rest. In the first place, I have no admiration for the man who can take a drink once in a while; neither the one who swears. Both habits, to my mind, are worse than the use of tobacco. Smoking in moderation is not detrimental to the health of a full-grown person. Some of the girls object so strenuously to it, but they should not forget that our sex is not free from faults that sometimes are equal to, if not worse, than smoking. However, I do not uphold it, for it is an unnecessary habit. I think that to live happily together each should endeavor to conquer their own failings and not to get cranky over little things, but to try to cultivate a loving and forgiving disposition. A home would indeed be happy if forbearance with each other's faults are predominant.

As it must be very trying to the editor to be compelled to read so many letters I will conclude with a brief description of myself. Am 21, have brown hair, grey eyes and fair complexion. Live in the country and have good education. I am a Christian. If any one cares to write to me I will answer all letters promptly. "Avanelle."

Must Be Home-Lover and a Protestant.

Oxbok, Sask., March 20, 1909.

Editor.—As I am a subscriber I thought I would have the privilege of having a short message sent to some of your lonely readers, especially the bachelors. I enjoy reading the Western Home Monthly throughout. As for me, I think it is a very interesting paper and do not intend to let it stop as I am sure I would be lost without it now.

This is my first letter and I hope to see it in print. I am not writing just to get a husband, but for pastime, and if I find one I like well enough it might be my luck to get him. If I get one he must be a home lover and a Protestant. I will not have a man that drinks. I do not mind chewing and smoking, although I think a man can't do without either of them when he has his wife to talk to him, or an evening. He must also be good to me and I will certainly do my best for him as I would not like to live quarrelsome with anyone. I think that some young ladies are going to fall in the "soup" some day as all these nice young men are not just what they profess to be or they would have been married long ago or had some one in view. Although I like "Dante's" letter in the October number, and if he will write to me first I will answer, and all other letters from either sex; and will exchange post cards with any one who cares to send me one.

As I see the rest give a general description of themselves I think I will. I am 17 years of age, blue eyes and brown hair, and am a farmer's daughter and know how to keep house as good as the majority. Now, anyone wanting any more news will have to come to me direct and they will find my address with the editor of this paper.

"Ella Flo."

A Christian Young Lady.

Ontario, March 14, 1909.

Editor.—I am a new subscriber to your very interesting magazine, and I must say I have taken great pleasure in reading your valuable magazine, especially the correspondence columns.

I see most of your correspondents are describing themselves, so I must be in the fashion, too. I am a Christian young woman, 22 years old, about 5 feet in height, blue eyes and brown hair, and as for being good looking or not, I think I would pass in a crowd.

I think that letter which was written by the "Preacher" was very interesting. I am also glad he did not forget to say he was a Christian, for some people, in writing a letter of that kind leave that most valuable part out, and in fact, some would never say they were a Christian for fear of being laughed at. I have heard people say so, but I think that is one of the best things in the world to be able to say you are a Christian. I am sure "Bare Teddie's" letter in January issue was very interesting and there was so much advice to be got out of his letter.

I would like to correspond with any young ladies or gentlemen who would write first. I would like to correspond with "The Preacher" and "Bare Teddie" if they would write first. My address will be with the editor.

"English Primrose."

Boys, Wake Up.

Glenelg, N. S., March 12, 1909.

Editor.—I am afraid you will be saying, "What pesky creatures girls are always bothering people," but I am just going to ask you to please send the enclosed letter to "Rufus," aged 18, Manitoba. Seeing the boys won't write to us we have to write to them. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

"Lily of the Valley."

The Doctor Likes Music and—?

Outlook, Sask., March 10, 1909.

Editor.—I have been a most interested reader of your charming paper for one year and I derive much pleasure and amusement from the correspondence columns. The only thing I see wrong with it is, that it does not come often enough. I think it should be weekly.

Don't you think the girls are rather hard on the poor bachelors? I don't suppose they are as bad as they are thought to be. I guess the ones that have so much to say are old maids on the shelf.

I am a Bohemian and have been in this country four years. I talk German and nearly all slavic languages. I am 22 years old, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, weight 135 pounds, dark grey eyes and dark brown hair. Smoke, but do not chew nor use strong drink. I am good natured and loving. I like music very well. As this is my first letter to the paper I will be wondering if it escapes the waste basket till I see the letter in print.

I will not write any more, hoping to hear from some nice girls, in which I am very interested. I will leave my name and address with the editor. Hoping I have not occupied too much space, I remain, "Doctor Maly."

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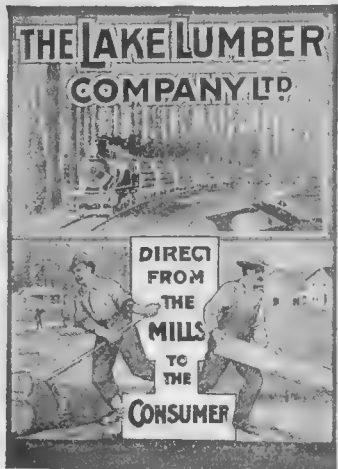
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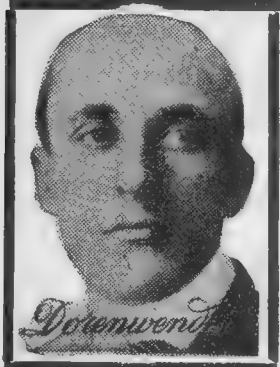
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This Gent Says He's Shy.

Brockport, Alta., March 13, 1909.

Editor.—Will you allow me space in your much used columns for just a short epistle. I have been a subscriber and reader for about six months and enjoy very much reading your correspondence columns, although some of the letters are very foolish.

I should very much like to correspond with some of the fair sex. I would like to hear from "College Widow," of January, if she will write.

I am 24 years old, 5 feet 10 inches in height, weight about 150 pounds, brown hair and grey eyes and am entirely temperate, but like a smoke once in a while. I am very fond of music and all kinds of sport. I will answer all letters that may be sent to me. Now, young ladies, please write to me first, as I am kind of shy. Hoping that I have not taken up too much of your valuable time and space, I will close, wishing your paper and your correspondents every success."

"Shy."

Distance Lends Enchantment.

Sault Ste. Marie, March 9, 1909.

Editor.—Your paper comes to our home. I notice your correspondence column is increasing in numbers. It certainly is very interesting to read the witty letters of young men and maidens. I wish to join the circle.

I am a young business man, eyes of blue, 5 feet and a half, a nice moustache. Will give full particulars in first letter, ladies, who can tell but acquaintance formed in this peculiar way may bud forth into friendship, to bloom and blossom into that beautiful flower of love. Distance sometimes lends enchantment that may end in perfect bliss.

Girls, get busy, and let us have a good time through the mail. My name is with the Western Home Monthly.

"Snowball."

One for "College Widow."

Manitoba, March 16th, 1909.

Editor.—I have just got the January issue of the W. H. M. and am very much struck with the correspondence column. This is the first time I have seen it, but I mean to be a constant reader in future. I notice it is customary to give a description of one's self, so I will give you mine. I am a bachelor farmer, 26 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches in height, weight 165 pounds, medium brown hair, blue eyes. I don't chew nor tamper with liquor, but I am pretty fond of the pipe. I can't see any harm in taking a smoke. You can publish this if you think it worth while. Meantime please forward enclosed letter to "College Widow," and oblige yours sincerely,

"John Highlandman."

Thinks He's Pretty Nice.

Manitoba, March 13th, 1909.

Editor.—Will you kindly allow me a short space in the W. H. M. correspondence columns. I have taken the W. H. M. for about a year and am very much interested. I notice some good letters from time to time in the columns, especially some of the girls' letters; others are not so good. Now I think if some of the girls and boys in writing could be more original and not copy; what I mean is, just to write as they would talk. The readers would understand them better and would be able to size up their general disposition and make up, which would help a great deal in choosing a congenial person to correspond with.

Perhaps some of the girls might think of writing to me, so I will describe as I see myself. I am farming at present in southern Manitoba, have ½ section of land; am a bachelor in my twenties, 6 feet tall, 175 pounds, fair looking, with very dark hair and blue eyes, square build, broad shoulders, stand erect, 41 inches chest measure, No. 7½ shoe, and No. 9 glove; somewhat of a social favorite, the girls say that I am a dear, sweet—? But here they stop. I guess they are not able to describe or make out what it is. However, if any of the girls would write, I would be pleased very much and would appreciate and respect their letters and answer them promptly.

So now, girls, I am sending my address to the editor. Please forward the enclosed letter to "Shy Lass," in the January number of the W. H. M., 1909, and oblige, with best wish for the continued success of the W. H. M.

"Billy Sweet."

Wants Lady Who Will Love Him.

Brockport, Alta., March 13, 1909.

Editor.—I have been a reader of the W. H. M. for some time past and take

great pleasure in reading the correspondence letters in your columns.

I would like to correspond with one of the fair sex, but I am not very good at writing letters. I am a native of Ireland and very bashful. I am a fireman by trade and at present I am running a pump for the C. P. R. I love to be among boilers and engines but since I came out west I feel very lonely in the evenings. I am 24 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, and weigh 150 lbs. I have light brown hair and hazel eyes. I am of a bright and loving disposition, very easy to get along with, like a glass of beer at meal time when it registers over 90 in the shade, and smoke tobacco. I am pretty well fixed financially as I save my wages. I don't like a girl who loses her temper at every little thing that goes wrong. I like to see people happy, and if ever I be so lucky as to possess a wife, my one aim in life will be to make her happy, so I hope some young lady will take pity on a lonely Irishman whose heart is yearning for someone to love. Anyone wishing to correspond with me will find my address with the editor. If this is so lucky as to escape the waste paper basket. "Irish Mick."

Sweet 17, and a Singer.

Magnetawan, Ont., Mar. 14, 1909.

Editor.—I have been an interested reader of your correspondence column for some time and find some of the letters very sensible and some amusing. Some of the bachelors are very lonely and seem to need a wife. Though I am not thinking of matrimony I would like to correspond with some of the bachelors for pastime; also some of the girls if they will write first. I live in a town and do not know much about country life, but think it would be pleasant in the summer though lonely in winter. I am going to try and go to the West for a trip. I do not blame the bachelors for being lonely and hating to cook their own meals.

I see it is the custom to give a description, so here is mine. I am 5 feet 2 inches tall, blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion and a very good singer, 17 years old.

I agree with the girls that if a man drinks one glass it leads to another, so, boys, don't take the first glass. I abhor to see men chewing tobacco, but do not mind smoking.

I think that if "Bare Teddy" were down here he would find that the Eastern girls don't fall in love so easily as he imagines. There are not so many old maids as some of you bachelors imagine. I am fond of skating, dancing and driving. I would like to hear from "Indian Paddy," "Alberta Homesteader," and "Golden West," if they will write first; also any of the boys or girls that care to write, they will find my address with the editor. Some of the Eastern girls imagine that the bachelors in the West have hearts as big as pumpkins and that's the kind for them. Wish the W. H. M. every success. "Teasing."

Wife Not Expected to Do Chores.

Killam, Alta., March 12, 1909.

Editor.—I have been a reader of your paper for some time, but have never written to you before. I hope I will not be intruding by writing now.

I am a farmer at present and would like to correspond with some lady who would like a home in the wild and woolly west.

Will give you a description of myself and hope it will not be lacking in good qualities to some of the fair sex. I am 5 feet 8 inches tall and am what people call good looking. Have a cheerful disposition. Neither chew nor indulge in strong drink.

Would like to hear from ladies who are musically inclined. I have no chores for a woman to do, only to get my meals when I come in from a hard day's work and have things cheerful. Any young lady who wishes to correspond with a very lonely bachelor will find my address with the editor.

"Judge A."

A Chip Off the Old Block.

Minto, Man., March 14, 1909.

Editor.—My father has taken your valuable paper for some time and I think it is a great help to the farmers. I take great interest in your correspondence column and wish to make the acquaintance of some young lady. Would like to exchange post cards or write just to pass away the time.

I am a farmer's son, settled in a good farming district, and like it pretty well. I see all the boys and girls give a description of themselves, so here's mine. I am 5 feet 6 inches in height, weigh 128 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes, and do not chew, smoke

or drink. I am very fond of sports. Please send enclosed to "Barb," in the December Issue. If any other young lady wishes to write, my address is with the editor. "Plain Mike."

Corresponding for Pastime.

Creelman, Sask., March 17, 1909.
Editor.—For some time I have been a reader of your paper. I find it very amusing, and good as well. It certainly is a great bachelor paper. But as for getting a "pard" for life, I do not believe in it altogether, and I must say that is not at all my object in writing, as I only thought of doing so for pastime. But if one can believe it is right and get acquainted with the right one it is all for the best. A great many have queer ideas about matrimony.

I must say I am not a farmer's daughter and am not sure if I could cook anything or not as I have not cooked at all for a few years. I work in an office. Most of the boys have not much use for girls that cannot do cooking, but I am not looking for a man, but would not mind writing for pastime.

I am just an every day Western girl and can boast of no good looks. I have also lived in the East. I would like to hear from "Golden West," of the January number or "Bill, the Cowboy," of January number also, if they would write first. I am very fond of boating, skating and in fact most all sport. I do not blame the girls for not wanting a man that drinks or chews, or left them the pigs to feed. I should not like that, and think the girls would be better single. "Sliver."

A Souvenir Hunter.

Manitoba, March 11, 1909.
Editor.—I have been a subscriber and interested reader of the W. H. M. for over a year and I saw so many letters from all over the provinces (but more from this little town), I thought I would write a few lines, hoping this escapes the waste paper basket.

I see the others describe themselves so I'll "follow suit." I am 22 years old, rather tall, have dark brown hair and grey eyes. I am fond of amusement and horses but quite agree with B. C. Optimist in regard to girls playing cards and smoking cigarettes.

I was interested in "Irish Riffer" 's' letter and would like to exchange post cards with him. I have over 200 now but only one from India.

"Nobody's Darling."

Wants a Working Wife.

Saskatchewan, March 11, 1909.
Editor.—I have been a subscriber to your most interesting paper for nearly one year and enjoy it very much, and I see so many letters from boys and girls that I think I would like to say a word if you can give me a little corner.

As I don't want to get married today. I am not going to give any description of myself only I am no kid and yet would make a pretty young grandfather. I think it is a nice way to get acquainted but a poor way to get a wife. As for me, I don't want to buy a "a pig in a bag."

I see all the girls are good looking; I suppose they are, but to my way of thinking, there is more than good looks to size up. All the writers give a good description of themselves; if it is true or not, we take for granted it is true. There are some men who are not worthy of having a wife, and again some women not worthy of the name "wife." One does not need to go far from here to see it. When a man is too stingy to buy himself clothes, what will he do when he gets a wife. I think she would have to go to bed hungry. On the other hand, if a man gets a woman that all she thinks of is silk dresses, paint and powder and soft hands its a bank she wants, not a farmer; and if she is too good to milk a cow or feed a pig should the man be gone, what good is she to a farmer? There are plenty of those kind of women in this country now. When a woman lets a cow go four days without milking because the man was not home to do it as he was away threshing. If I had a woman like that there would be something doing when I got home. I don't say all of you girls would do that sort of thing; you may call me a crank or what you like. I think this letter writing is a nice pastime taken from a certain standpoint but there is more needed in a house than good looks and good descriptions. Just a plain every day girl with lots of love and kind words and willing to work for her own good as well as mine is enough for me.

If any young lady would like to correspond with me my address will be with the editor. I will answer all letters the best I can, though I am not much at writing. "Mr. Crank."

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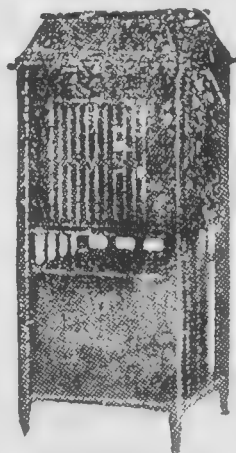
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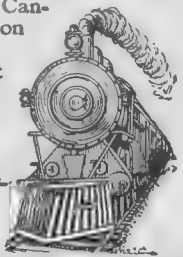
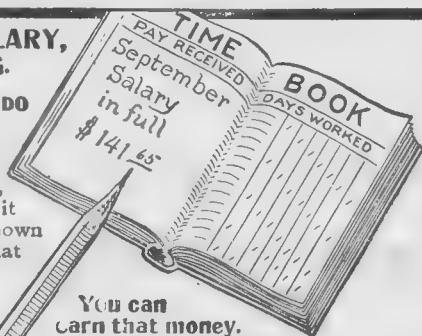
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Would Like to Go West.

Kensington, Que., March 13, 1909.

Editor.—I have been an interested reader of the W. H. M. for nearly a year now and am very much amused by the correspondence column, so I thought I would write to see if any of those bachelors of 22 or 23 would care for a correspondent from down in Quebec, as I have often thought I would like to take a trip to the West to see some of those bachelors and prairie homesteads.

I am a young farmer's daughter, not yet out of my teens, and I am neither dark nor fair, tall nor short. Oh! just a regular beauty just like all the others who write. I will tell all the rest of my good qualities if the boys care to write. Guess I will ring off and leave room for somebody else. Wishing your club every success "Happy Peggie."

Fluffy Buffles from Ontario.

Ontario, March 12, 1909.

Editor.—As I am a very recent reader of your very valuable and interesting paper I decided to pen a few lines, hoping I will not be refused a short space in your paper, also asking you to forward enclosed letter.

I see it is customary to describe one's self, so here goes. I have fair curly hair and blue eyes, and am 5 feet 6 in. tall, age 18 years. As for looks, I will not say much as I might not tell the truth. I would be pleased to hear from any reader and will try to answer all letters as I think it a very interesting way of becoming acquainted with other parts of this fair Dominion. Wishing the W. H. M. the success it surely deserves,

"Fluffs."

"Gypsy" is No. 1 Hard.

Forestville, March 14, 1909.

Editor.—I have been an interested reader of the W. H. M. for some time. I think it is an excellent magazine.

This is my first letter to your paper. The lonely bachelors have my sympathy; it must be hard to do one's mending and cooking.

I am a farmer's daughter and must say I am proud of it. What has become of "White Pine," B. C.? I would be pleased to hear from some of the bachelors, especially "Living in Hopes" and "A Mountain Bachelor." I have spent quite a lot of my time in towns and cities but I enjoy the country best. I think that contentment is the keynote of happiness and that is the one thing that married people ought to have: if a woman is contented she will be happy and if happy, she will try to make her home as attractive as possible. I am one of those home loving creatures, nothing would be difficult for me if it would help to make the home any brighter. I think any true woman will agree with me when I say that a woman that loves her husband will gladly help with the chores if it is necessary. Now I never do that kind of work on my father's farm because I don't have to do it, but I would not think it was hard if I ever marry a farmer and have it to do.

It seems to be the order to describe one's self. Now, I am a poor hand to write, but can talk fast enough. I am about 5 feet 2 inches tall, weigh 115 pounds, have brown hair and eyes.

I would be pleased to hear from any of the lonely bachelors over 28. I will gladly answer all letters promptly.

"Gypsy."

"Sauerkraut Bill," Wake Up.

Pine, Ont., March 6, 1909.

Editor.—Really I shall have to confess a considerable amount of disappointment at not seeing my first letter in print, but I must not be selfish, and through kindness of Mr. Editor I hope to have more favorable luck this time.

For the past six months I have read your valuable W. H. M. with growing interest. The correspondence section is of vast importance and popularity, hence the quantity of letters appearing in each issue from many parts of the world.

My home is in a small, remote part of that world, in the province of Ontario. I am a lumberman's daughter of 18 years, and being a great deal alone I am anxious to gain correspondents of either sex through this letter for pastime only. Any of the club interested in music, amateur photography, etc., shall be heartily welcome long with all others from country or city who are equally as lonely as I. "Sauerkraut Bill" has impressed me greatly by his letters of past dates. He is blessed with a valuable amount of sound common sense, and should be seen this I shall be pleased to welcome him as one of the many correspondents I hope to have. I should like to know something of the West, for the land

of the rising sun and the self-sacrificing tillers of the soil have been of great interest to me. "Pine Tassel."

He Followed the Crowd.

Calgary, Alta., March 12, 1909.

Editor.—The January issue of your paper came to me through a friend subscriber, and while looking through the correspondence columns was very much struck with many of the letters, and at once decided to contribute a few words myself if you will kindly spare them a little space.

I suppose I had better "follow the crowd" and give a short description of myself. (I am afraid a long one would not look well in print.) I am 19, light-weight, 5 feet 6 inches tall, fond of athletics and girls. Am also somewhat musical, can play two or three instruments a little, but the phonograph is perhaps the one in which I excel most.

My object in writing is to get up a correspondence with some of the jolly, good natured girls for pastime. I am strictly out of the matrimonial list. Intend taking a long chance and wait a few years.

Now, girls, take your pen in hand and "get busy." Don't wait till tomorrow; remember what some "wise guy" said: "Procrastination is the thief of time," so if you don't write now, I might die, or get married, or worse, and then you'll be sorry.

Thanking you in advance for the space in your valuable paper, (or wastepaper basket), and wishing the former every success in the future, I will close and give someone else a chance. My address is with the editor. "College Kid."

The Two Johns.

British Columbia, Mar. 12 1909.

Editor.—How are chances for two loggers or lumber jacks as we are called, to enter into your correspondence column? Although only one of us takes your valuable paper, still we both read with great interest the letters in it. Well, ladies and gentlemen, we lumber jacks are not thought much of as a rule; we are generally put down by town people as a careless crowd of fellows, but perhaps you will agree with us that there is good and bad found everywhere, and likely we have our faults same as the rest.

Well, guess a little description of ourselves wouldn't hurt, so here's a go. We are both about the same height, 5 feet six inches, one with dark brown hair and grey eyes, weight 156 pounds; the other with dark brown hair and blue eyes, weight 142 pounds. We are not so old, our ages can be found somewhere between 19 and 29. Neither of us have the habits of drinking liquor or chewing tobacco, but one has a crooked stem pipe that he sometimes lights up and brings forth a tremendous fog. As for matrimony, guess we will not be included in this year's number. We will leave our address with the editor and any young ladies wishing to correspond with either of us, should they be uncertain as to which is which, they can look over our description again and state to the editor which one they wish to correspond with, grey or blue eyes. So hoping this will escape the refuse pile, we will close, wishing the editor and his paper every success.

"Up a Gumtree."

A Happy-Go-Lucky Sort of Chap.

Pheasant Forks, Sask., Mar. 15, 1909.

Editor.—I now take time to write a few lines to your correspondence column. Being a constant reader I thought I would send my little say to be put into print, if it would be acceptable. There seems to be a keen rivalry existing between some of the old maids and bachelors that are growing crony, seedy, cranky, awkward, old and stubborn. Well, boys, I suppose some of you will be getting married very soon but I do hope you won't let her drudge away and carry her life in her hands to the grave like some of them do, but think of her as the better half, treat her so and if she is good, womanly, and wifely, she will return your kindness, and how much sweeter the home will be. We are only intended to live in this world once and why not peacefully?

I like the letter that "Polly" wrote in the last issue, also "Black-eyed Betty." Well, now I suppose I will describe myself. I am of average height, weight the same; and for good looks, well, I guess if I were hunting lions in Africa they would run when they saw me. Jack of all trades, master of none. Wishing your paper every success.

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"She stood at the open kitchen window, plump, rosy and thirty."

bowed two-master that was anchored in the reach.

Captain Duncan Bodge remembered now more clearly strange stories of woodpiles hollowed from underneath until only the shell had remained. 'Min'dab Doughty suspected! Potato fields, the hills of which had been ravaged, the soil replaced and the top left standing. 'Min'dab Doughty suspected! But never caught!

Captain Bodge had heretofore resolutely determined, on many occasions, not to believe all that people said about the transactions of Farmer Doughty. This was always after he had stumbled

away from the house, still dizzy from his prolonged, adoring, blinking study of the face of Farmer Doughty's daughter.

But this proposition that had at last cozed like poison drops out of the old man!

Captain Bodge picked up his glazed cap from underneath his chair, moved his lips once or twice, as though to speak, and then began to lumber slowly away over the dooryard sward.

"Why, Captain Duncan, you aren't going yet, are you?" called a woman's cheery voice. She stood at the open kitchen window, plump, rosy and thirty—the spinster daughter of Widower Doughty. "You promised to let father entertain you till I had done my dishes," she went on. "Now, you just set yourself and do as you agreed." Her playful tone of authority brought the crinkle of a bashful grin upon his weather-beaten face, and he went back to his chair. When the distant clatter of crockery announced her departure from the window, Farmer Doughty observed, dryly:

"I reckon that talkin' business must make you absent-minded, cap!"

The skipper of the *T. P. Todd* lowered his voice to a growl.

"Dab Doughty, I just heard handcuffs snappin' and a jedge sayin' 'Guilty,' and the bang of a cell door, when ye was talkin'." The skipper's voice trembled.

"Mnh-huh! Ye're afraid, hey?"

"I ain't afraid, afo't or ashore, of anything I can meet like a man, but when ye hem and haw and put a prison job up to Dunk Bodge, he dodges. And that's me to the ke'lon!"

"S that so, eh? Well, if ye ain't got no more business sprawl to ye than that ye'd better not wait till them dishes is washed. Neither me nor the gal's got any use for ye," said the old man, with decision.

"That's a nice thing to say about a innercent daughter," retorted the skipper.

"Look here, Dunk," snapped the farmer, "here you be, middle-aged. Ye've coasted and tug-a-lugged till ye're warped like a dock spile, and all ye've got to show for it is a fore-and-aft schooner that is so rotten that ye don't dast to sneeze aboard her, for fear she'll cave in. And a'l this while others that I can speak of has been gittin' ahead of ye. It's about time ye was appreciatin' common sense and a business manager. I'm ready to pump common sense into ye and be the manager, and now ye go to gawpin' like a lighthouse in a fog and makin' remarks that, if so be ye wasn't in a way to be my son-in-law, I'd boot ye down hill for. On t'other hand—" Doughty took out his



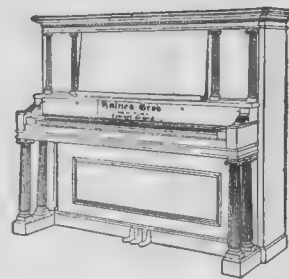
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pipe and listened. The clatter of dishes continued, and there was the croon of a woman's voice singing in the summer kitchen. Reassured as to his daughter's location, the old man went on: "Here's you and me jest ripe for a pardnership. I've got a cargo of swale hay that I've pressed to look like herd grass; insurable for herd grass, providin' some one with a reppytation for honesty—say, like you—gets it insured. You've got a schooner that reelly ain't fit to set for an eel pot but which is insurable extry on account of aforesaid reppytation for honesty. By gad, Dunk, you've got capital there in that reppytation! It's a shame to let capital like that lay idle. And it sha'n't! You hear me? It sha'n't. It shall be used in the family. You take my hay and your schooner, insure, as I've said, start for market, let accidents happen as they may, get picked up in your dory by a coaster or a fisherman, collect insurance—reppytation assisting—and come back to hear the weddin' bells a-ringin'. Then you've got the cash for a five-eighths into a new schooner—and me jest a silent pardner. There! I've been plain and open. It's safe and sound and wuth your while."

Doughty leaned back once more and regarded the skipper with deep meaning.

ed that this ruthless old man could smash the little temple, even as he had boasted. Captain Duncan Bodge didn't understand matters of the heart very well, anyway.

"Let me tell ye one more thing," murmured the farmer, rapidly and busily, for the rattle of dishes had ceased and the rapid whisk-whisk of a broom hinted that kitchen was being tidied; "wimmen folks are deeper than ye think and they don't say all they know. Do they love a man that's dog-poor and pussylanamous and no git-up to him? No. Do they love a man that's bold and stands by their family and says to their father: 'Dad-in-law that's-a-goin'-to-be, if you say snacks, it's snacks. Shake!' Well, you bet she loves him! Nah-h-h! I know you never stole northin' yet—and you ain't got to now. But if you don't know the difference between stealin' and a commercial transaction, then the next time you go up to Boston you step up to State Street and make a few inquiries. Do you think they're gettin' rich there on day's wages?"

It was evident, however, that the farmer didn't care to have his daughter know just then his ideas of what constituted business, for he suddenly ejaculated: "Hold hosses, Cap. Dunk—she's comin'."

He was droolingly sucking the



"He caught the hook under the wire, and, after a mighty effort, tugged the flaming mass to the side."

"I'm too square for a round idee like that to fit into me," said Bodge, sullenly.

"Then ye won't fit into my family," retorted the farmer. "Your reppytation may be your capital, but my daughter's my stock-in-trade."

"Well, I reckon 'Liza will have something to say about that when I say something to her." The captain was clearly rebellious.

"Not when I have my say first. My gal sticks by me. She ain't ever believed anything agin' me yet and she never will. If that wan't so, then she wouldn't still be livin' with me to home—a gal with her looks! You, yourself, Dunk Bodge, couldn't make her harbor no grudge agin' me, not if you swore on a stack of Bibles. Listen, cap! You can tell the truth, but you can't do even that very well. I can lie twict as fast. In two days, with my inside track, I'll have ye fixed out so that my gal will pour bilin' water on ye."

The skipper rolled his cap in his hands and looked at the crafty old farmer moodily. He realized his own inefficiency against the odds presented. This love that had come to him late in life seemed a very fragile fabric in his eyes. He feared to see it dashed down at any time. He believ-

match flame into his pipe as his daughter came out of the house, unrolling her knitting.

"It's lovely out here, isn't it, Cap'n Duncan?" she observed, in her cozy way. "I suppose you and dad have got that business all settled by this time. I think it will be just fine for you two to go into it together. Dad has been cheated so many, many times by goin' into business deals with men that were dishonest. But everyone knows that Cap'n Duncan Bodge ain't that sort."

She bent to count some knots on her bright needle, and the two men looked at each other—Captain Bodge with that expression one sees in the eyes of a pleading St. Bernard pup.

"Dad has told me about it," she resumed, cheerfully, "and I never was so glad of anything in my life. I hope you will do just splendid, and if this trip pays, why, there's lots more hay to buy and ship. When are you goin' to load, cap'n?"

"We might as well start in tomorrow, cap." Doughty hastened to say. "The Tasker boys—ain't workin' for anyone now, and we can get them to help, and I'm a good man on a tackle myself."

He got up and went along and pinched his daughter's ear.

"Liza," he said, "there ain't no man in the kingdom that I'd ruther throw a good slice of business in the way of than this same Cap Dunk, right here. He don't throw it back into your face. I'd sacrifice to do it. P'raps in this deal I've been talkin' about I could do a mite better than even snacks if I took on some one else, but I don't care about that. The happiness of them that's near and dear to me is more than fine gold—yea, better than rubies. Ye are good children—the both on ye!" And then, evidently unable to master his emotion, he stumbled away around the corner of the house.

"Blessed old dad," murmured his daughter, her eyes misty as she watched him out of sight; "he's always like that, cap'n. Ain't he good?"

Captain Bodge, after what seemed to the woman a violent effort to master his own emotion, choked out affirmation.

"He seems to think an awful sight of you," she went on. "He was saying to me this morning that he was going right along with you to market and help sell the hay, for, of course, he knows all about hay."

The captain gulped hard as he heard this.

"And you can see what kind of a true, generous friend you've got in dad. He's going to let you have Lester Trask stay at home and get a new job, Dad's goin' to take his place and work for nothin'. There! Cap'n Duncan Bodge, how is that for liking you?"

In Trask's personality were combined the mate, the cook and the entire crew of the *T. P. Todd*. The captain gulped harder as he swallowed this additional news.

"I'm glad you are going to discharge that Lester Trask," she said, with a flicker of spirit in her eyes. "He has bothered me dreadfully by hanging around the house here. Phew! seems as though I can't smell that cologne and hair oil now. I don't like these smarties that think a woman is going to fall down and worship store clothes and a twisted mustn't-touch-it on their upper lip."

The captain's face was squizzled with an anxious frown.

"Les Trask? Has he been courtin' you?" he faltered.

"Huh! I don't call it courtin'," she sniffed. "Of course I s'pose you might call it attentions, but, after all, I'm glad you're goin' to let him go off the vessel. Father says he guesses he's a wolf in sheep's clothing. Dad invited him here first, but dad says he really didn't have any idea he'd try to—to—well, dad guesses you'll discharge him now."

The captain was too engrossed in his heart matters to ponder just then in Doughty's inconsistencies of conduct and opinion.

"I don't want nobody courtin' you, 'Liza," he blurted, desperately. "I haven't knowed jest how to say it to you—but I don't want nobody courtin' you except me. Wont' you let me do all the courtin'? And I want to marry you, too, 'cause there ain't no other woman in the world that I ever see that I loved. There!" He wiped the streaming perspiration from his forehead with the flat of his hand.

"I think you're a good man, cap'n," she said, her fingers trembling over her needles. "I didn't believe anything in what Lester Trask said to dad about your havin' flirtations 'long coast."

The captain was known from Quoddy to Cape Cod as a swearer of much volubility. Now he uprose, choked, thudded back upon his chair, rebounded rapped his knuckles against his forehead and then blew a "poo!" of hot breath upon the air, as though it were the essence and spirit of the oaths he had been swearing inside.

"I never believed a word," she went on, "but I don't wonder you don't want a man like that around you after this. Dad said no one could blame you for being mad. But as I was saying, Cap'n Duncan, father thinks everything of you, and father's all I've got since mother died, and he has been so good to me—"

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"Cap'n Duncan, blood in the Doughty family is a good deal thicker'n water. It always has been—it always will be. I should hate to think you were trying to stir up any kind of a touse between me and my dad." She stared at him in a way that sent a little, cold trickle down his back.

"I ain't the man to make trouble in any family," he hastened to say.

"That's just the idee I've always had of ye," cried Aminadab, cheerily and paternally, re-appearing from the ell door. He came along and patted the captain on the shoulder. "I suppose it's settled about the marriage bells goin' ding-dong?" he queried, with a wink as emphatic as the snap of a cigar cutter. Captain Duncan blushed and the daughter looked shyly at him, and then away.

"When lovin' hearts are all agreed, Of words there ain't no special need."

quoted Aminadab, cheerfully. "You suit the Doughty family, Cap Dunk, and that's enough said on all sides." And then more briskly, now that what he considered the frivolity was ended, he said: "I'll speak to the Tasker boys this afternoon, and if you'll work the Todd into dock early to-morrow we'll have that hay aboard like slidin' down a sullen door."

The captain got up and put on his glazed cap. He felt dizzy. There was a smarting in his throat, as though unuttered words were blistering it. An ugly rancor surged in him along with mighty joy, but he didn't know what to say. As he was about to depart, Farmer Doughty clapped a broad hand against his shoulder and jovially pushed him toward Eliza.

"Contracts ought to be sealed, cap," he snickered, disregarding his daughter's indignant protests. "As the lawyers say, 'L.S.'—place for the seal—stands for 'Lips Sweet,' and you can see the place just as well as I can. Come, cap!" And with his other hand he pulled his blushing daughter forward.

A moment after the skipper was staggering down the grassy slope with a shivery glow running all through him from a little burning spot on his lips.

"Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord!" he quavered, softly. "She's a-goin' to marry me!"

But the joy had died out of his face by the time he had stumbled into his dory and took the oars.

"The old scamp!" he gritted. "He's got his spear in my back, and all I can seem to do is wiggle."

When he clambered over the Todd's dingy side, he felt in very proper frame of mind to have it out with Lester Trask. The "crew and cook and the gallant mate" was simmering before a bit of glass propped on the house roof, and was shaving. He wore a fancily striped shirt, and the legs of his new trousers were hunched up to his knees so that the crease might not be spoiled.

"Gettin' ready for a pink tea, I presume?" the skipper grumbled, stifling his impulse to leap at once on the traitor's back. "If there's anything I hate, it's a shipboard dude."

The crew turned up a mild blue eye, wondering at this astonishing hostility from one with whom he had been on equal terms of comradeship for so long. In justice to Trask, it should be stated that he had never dreamed that his secretive skipper was loving in the same direction in which his own fancies had recently turned. Therefore, there was nothing on his conscience.

"I won't have no more of this primpin' and fubbin' and flirtationin' board ship," roared the skipper, shooting his fists up into the air. The choler he had been swallowing back on shore now burst on this, vicarious victim.

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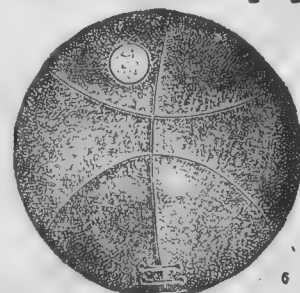
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"Well, I hate a dude," sneered the skipper.

"Hate, then, and be derved, but don't joggle my elbow," returned the crew, with a coarser's unconventionality in discipline, and he daubed more lather upon his cheeks. The placid rak-rak of the razor went on irritatingly.

"I ain't goin' to 'if-and-or-but' with you a minute, Trask," resumed Bodge, his ferocity not abating. "I owe you one month and three days which is twenty-two-fifty, and here it is, and when you go ashore you take you dirty dunnage and you stay."

For full fifteen seconds did the crew regard the skipper silently and with growing malevolence, trying to remember cause for this amazing outburst. Then came vituperation on both sides—the skipper concealing the real secret that prompted him, the crew maddened by a sense of injustice. A few minutes later the skipper had crew, a slighter antagonist, on his back, clutching his jutting ears, slippery with soap, and then he rapped his head smartly on the deck until Trask grunted for mercy.

When at last the muttering Lester had gone over the packet's side, tugging his canvas bag, Captain Duncan sighed and murmured:

"I feel some better, but it ain't better enough to brag on!"

During the next few days the lading of the *T. P. Todd* went on placidly enough. When the news went abroad in the hamlet that Captain Bodge had discharged Lester Trask and hired Aminadab Doughty for 'fore the mast, there was some speculation as to what it meant. The explanation of a business partnership satisfied most persons. But Lester Trask, haunting the wharf, and gloomily eyeing operations, grumbling to himself and to those who would listen, was not satisfied.

On the morning of the fourth day at sunrise Captain Bodge and his new crew went on board, and an hour later the *T. P. Todd* was rolling down the channel, hay bales stuffing her old sides and tiered so high on deck that her booms had scant clearing in which to swing.

Captain Duncan, at the wheel, turned now and then to wave his glazed cap in answer to an apron fluttering from the ell door of the Doughty farmhouse on the hill.

"Love is some better'n beet greens, hey, Dunk?" quizzed Aminadab. He was perched on a convenient bale, his knees under his chin, his gaunt arms clasped around his legs. His patriarchal beard flapped in trailing strands against either ear.

"But stop your wavin'. She can't see you. I want to talk to you about something that amounts to something. You say Griffin was ready to put on the insurance all right and tight?"

"Yes," sourly mumbled the skipper. "Didn't hem and haw about it?"

"Said if it was anybody but me he'd want to paw 'round a little more, but said he knew anything I was in was all right." Captain Duncan's bitter gloom didn't fit the self-commendation that he was uttering.

"What did I tell ye," chirped the old man. "Reppytation is like cash capital. But cash capital ain't turnin' in northin' till you invest it. I've been and showed ye how to invest yours, but you're actin' the billiouesest I ever saw a good thing." Doughty tamped his tobacco into his pipe and puffed with much content.

"Say, Dab Doughty," gritted the skipper, "I've been coaxed and poked and slicked and headed-off into this without seein' a dodge-hole to get out of, and you've done it. You put me where I had to go on or else tell a good and innercent daughter that her father was a skin and a land pirut, or act as if I had jilted her, and now I'm in it all over. But you go to braggin' any more that you're doin' me a favor, and I'll tie you to the jib-boom by them whiskers of your'n and let you swosh. Now shet up whilst I meditate."

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day. A snapping west wind filled the old hooker's patched sails and drove her with lathering bows across the Gulf of Maine. Old Doughty smoked and gazed serenely into the lashing sea, or, with landsman's caution, dragged himself about over the hay-bales.

"Never was a handsomer job," he muttered, over and over. "Swale-grass fillers and herd-grass wrappers—what a smoke 'twill make for old Davy Jones! And no one knows about e'm but me and that Canuck hired-man that went back to Canada after they were pressed. Say, cap," he inquired, after one of his congratulatory tours across the deck load, "where will we be at midnight, do ye reckon?"

"Prob'ly thutty miles to the so'east of Thatcher's," replied the skipper, curtly.

"Plenty of Gloucestermen passing in these waters?"

"Usually."

"I believe the understandin' is that ways and means is to be left to me?" A grunt.

"We gets supper—I gets it, and being kind of green at sea work, and none surprisin', that ain't, and the galley funnel runnin' right out between the hay bales, I must have got too big a fire, and sparks settle under a bale and smoulder, and the fire runs along, and the first thing we knows out she bursts about midnight something awful, and then there ain't nothin' to do but drop astern in the dory and leave the poor old Todd to her awful fate. S-p-t-o-o-o!" The old man put back his pipe and blinked shrewdly at his companion. "First rehearsal, cap. I tell ye, when I get all the details worked in, that's goin' to be a corker of a story. And the brave fight we made to save her! Chanst for a reg'lar dime novel. How we were backed inch by inch, still fightin', to the stern rail. Do you know what I'm goin' to do?" His eyes sparkled as his imagination took fire. "I'm goin' to singe off half my whiskers for a proof. Then I just want to have a dad-blamed insurance adjuster come up and give me a holler if he dares to. I'll singe 'em now," he shouted, eagerly. "You need to see a sample of real grit. You need to be braced!"

With the skipper eyeing him moodily, he puffed his pipeful into the glowing coals and fired a twisted spill of his whiskers, patting out the malodorous smoulder as it approached his cheek. But as he went on with his task, the sportive wind flapped a streamer of beard unbidden across the pipe, and a puff of flame and smoke and a howl of pain showed that the damage was more than his caution intended.

Only vigorous swats upon his smarting face saved him from serious burns. After that, until dusk settled, he regarded himself ruefully in a pocket mirror, and whined as he wrinkled his cheeks tentatively.

"But it's good evidence," he groaned.

Occasionally the skipper broke out into vehement abuse of him and his iniquity, but Doughty couldn't be drawn into altercation. When his big silver watch, winking at a match flash, told him it was near midnight, he grimly set about his task. Bodge saw his tugging a big can from a hiding place in the galley, and by the way the dim figure was bobbing around over the hay, he knew that the villainous business was now near its climax. The rank odor of kerosene puffed to the skipper's nostrils, and he clung to the hand spokes and shivered. Then he lashed the wheel, ran below and gathered a few belongings. He groaned helplessly as he did so, and cast a pathetic look of farewell around the little cabin. But above, on deck, old Doughty was calling huskily:

"I'm ready to touch her off!"

So he floundered up the ladder, pulled the towing dory to the rail, dumped his dunnage in, and turned his back on the glare of red flame that sprang up amidships. The next moment both men tumbled with clatter of feet into the dory and began to row desperately.

With instant promptitude, a hay bale forward came heaving up like the cover of a box, and out of a narrow

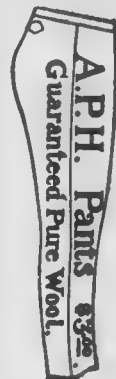


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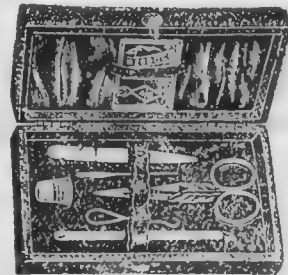
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A dozen bales were flaming, and smoke clouds from others were unrolling upon the wind. For a moment the man stared aghast, and then he grabbed a dangling sheet-end, leaped overboard, soused himself alongside, as one would soak a sponge. Sputtering and spitting, he came up, and over-hand, grabbed a boat hook and charged the heart of the fire.

The first bale came hardest, but he caught the hook under the wire, and, after a mighty effort, tugged the flaming mass to the side. It went overboard and under water with a screaming hiss. Then by aid of boat hook, water bucket and deck pump, each in its turn, he battled furiously, nerved by the lust of salvage, and urged by the spirit of revenge. A half hour later—blistered, blackened, singed but happy—he was at the wheel of the *T. P. Todd*, steering the craft back along the course toward Portland harbor and a custom house where-at he might declare.

"She ain't no rose jar for smells," he soliloquized, "but she's a lily of the valley for salvage, and—well, the sight will be wuth lookin' at the next time Mister Lester Trask walks up to the Doughty house in his Sunday clothes and winks at Mr. Min'dab Doughty, and says 'Back to the coast!' to Mr. Dunk Bodge, and says to Miss 'Liza Doughty—' In his glee he broke out into raucous improvisation:

"Oh, Er-Ilza! Dear Er-Ilza!
"Won't you love your true love when
your true love spies yer?"

This couplet, sung over and over served to solace many of the long hours of ratching back against a wind that set dead ahead.

Many times during that first half hour farmer Doughty played a queer game of peek-a-boo. As the dory would toss to the top of a wave he hung upon his oar, scruffed the sweat from his brow with his forearm and growled:

"Well, that's a blame slim bonfire!"
"You didn't put on enough kairo-sene, prob'ly," suggested the skipper, entirely willing to quarrel.

"All there was in a five-gallon can," retorted Doughty. "But most likely she went whoosh! all over, like an oiled rag. How long does it take a fore-and-aft schooner to burn?"

"The last fifteen I torched up averaged eighteen minutes and forty-four seconds apiece," said Captain Duncan, sarcastically.

"Still on — bus'ness-like — still on — reconciled to a good stroke," sighed the farmer. "Why don't you think about 'Liza and about five-eighths into a new packet and livin' happy ever after? Why don't you be sensible, Cap Dunk? Hain't you goin' to pick out your weddin' suit in Boston this trip—me a-helpin' you? Be sensible!"

One last dim reflection of red from the sky lit up the first smile that had crinkled across Captain Bodge's weather-worn features for a long time.

A Gloucesterman, smashing Boston-ward with a halibut catch, picked them up in the gray of morning. It was a masterly tale that Doughty related—a tale lit with burning hay, hissing flames, red gleams and tottering masts and singed whiskers.

"Rehearsal number two," he mumbled in undertone to Bodge, who had listened with saturnine intentness. "Wait till I tell that at the custom house!"

It truly did prove an official story without flaw, and that same evening the two conspirators embarked upon the steam packet for Portland in high good humor, Captain Duncan carefully conveying a parcel with "Blank & Dash, Ready-Made Clothing," printed on its wrappings. The farmer, with great facetiousness, kept trying to punch the bundle or tear a slit in the paper, and once, when the skipper wasn't looking, he licked a stubby lead pencil and marked "Weden Sute" on the bundle.

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"Why, gents," said Bodge, calmly and blandly, "it's none of my affair about this Todd matter. Les Trask and you, Doughty, took her away after she was safe in harbor and wrecked her. Wrecked my property, you understand. But I know what temptation is—he sighed—"and I ain't agoin' to make it rough for you. You can settle the matter between yourselves. But I'd advise you not to make any talk about it. You might get into trouble, you two! I understand, of course, that I could send you to State prison, but if you stay soavable, you can depend on me to stay quiet—and 'Liza, too! She had to be told, of course, to keep her from startin' a hue and cry." His tone was very patronizing.

Trask and Doughty looked at each other nervously. The farmer recovered his composure first.

"I'll still run my own family, Cap'n Dunk, if you please. So we can call it settled that you ain't to hang around 'Liza any more."

"Oh, we're married," said Captain Duncan, as calmly as though he were mentioning the direction of the wind. "Yes, we're married cozy as can be. You helped me pick out my weddin' suit, you recollect."

"Did you dast to marry my daughter without—" roared Doughty, jumping up and cracking his fists, but Bodge pushed his back into his chair with one emphatic punch.

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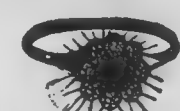
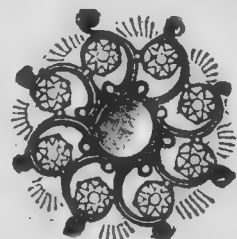
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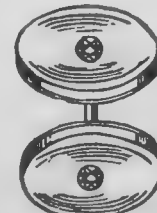
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Ben Hur was the stellar attraction at the Walker Theatre last month and, as anticipated, drew capacity houses every night. Lew Wallace's great drama, presented by an efficient company, far outshaded any other event of theatrical interest but there were several other plays which proved big successes. "The Wolf" a play by the author of "Paid in Full", made its first appearance before a Winnipeg audience and was thoroughly enjoyed—an interesting fact being that the scene of the play takes place in the Canadian Northwest. Two or three musical comedies sandwiched in between the heavy dramas proved a welcome relief.

Miss Maude Fealy has evidently obtained a strong hold on local playgoers, judging by the large houses which nightly greet this dainty actress at the Winnipeg Theatre. The management have very wisely picked out plays giving her great opportunity but not confining themselves to any one class of play. Accordingly during March she was seen in tragedy, drama, comedy and farce and it says much for her versatility that she scored a tremendous success in all. "Romeo and Juliet", "A Contented Woman", "Merely Mary Ann" and "The Prince Chap" was Miss Fealy's repertoire for March.

For the first time in Brandon Julian Edward's comic opera, "Dolly Varden," was presented at the Auditorium on Wednesday, March 31st, as an opening to an engagement of four nights by the popular San Francisco Opera Company, under the management of Frank W. Healy. This piece has one of the most phenomenal runs in New York to its credit, and during its only road tour, played to capacity houses in every large city from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It was Lulu Glaser's most triumphant starring vehicle, and is considered by many competent critics the daintiest of all comic operas.

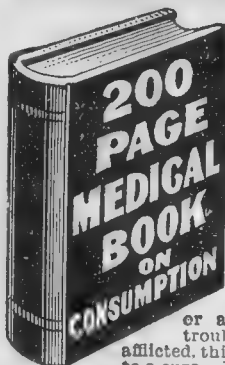
The San Francisco Opera Co. opened at Saskatoon on March 19th in "Dolly Varden" to the biggest house ever seen there. Since the show was there last fall their return has been looked forward to eagerly by local theatre goers, and they were certainly not disappointed. The company is if anything stronger than it was before, this being especially noticeable in the chorus, and the girls have also improved in looks. Dolly Varden is one of the prettiest operas imaginable, the music, costumes, stage settings, powder and patches blending harmoniously. Nothing has ever struck Saskatoon in the same class with the San Francisco company and odds are it is a long time before there is anything else like it.

An enjoyable entertainment was given at Elkhorn on March 17th. The programme included a solo by Mrs. Mooney "Killarney," a humorous reception by Mr. W. L. Waines "The Irish Philosopher" a vocal duet by Messrs. Mooney and McLeod, a recitation by Mr. E. McLelland, which brought down the house and a vocal solo by T. D. McLeod.

"The Gondoliers," the comic opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, was performed at the Opera House, Moosomin on March 25th.

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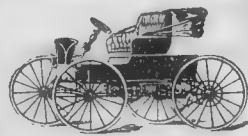
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Portage la Prairie is rapidly assuming metropolitan proportions in the theatrical world and if the patrons will only make good the city may have the best attractions on the road and shows fully equal to the best they have in Brandon. The next attraction is the Summers company, and while this company caters largely to the small towns and so-called country circuit, it has made a hit all along the line and is one of few really good stock organizations now on the road.

The Swiss bell ringers gave an entertainment under the auspices of the Bowden Brass Band at Innisfail on Monday, March 15. There was a fairly good attendance and the hearty applause which greeted every number of the programme testified to the excellence of the entertainment. Every item was a musical treat.

A most enjoyable entertainment was given at Dufferin on March 12th. The first part consisted of the trial scene from the "Merchant of Venice". Miss Louie Mallory distinguished herself in a most creditable manner by her portrayal of Portia and John McKenzie had his lines perfect as Shylock but had not quite a proper conception of the character he was portraying.

An enjoyable entertainment was given at Asquith, Sask. on March 17th. The programme was as follows: Solo, Miss Jean Rollo; Address, Rev. Greenhalgh; Reading, C. A. Young; Solo, Mr. Wilkinson; Reading, J. Rollo; Address, Rev. Steeson; Solo, Rev. Greenhalgh; Stump Speech; Gus Picketts.

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This song has been approved by the Governor-General, who suggested to the School Commissioners of Montreal that it be adopted for use in the public schools, a suggestion that has been followed. The Educational Department of Manitoba has also placed it in the public schools, and there are many expressions of opinion as to the suitability of the song as a National Anthem.

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RICH HUMAN NATURE.

By Charlotte Gilman.

"Poor creatures of dust—and feeble as frail," says the hymn-book. The hymn-book is not the Bible; one would think to read hymns that creation was a failure. "Poor human nature," we say deprecatingly, and "we are all poor creatures!"

We are not.

We are the finest kind of creature on earth; our nature is as good as the rest of nature, and that is very good indeed. The shallow thinker, the careless observer points out "man's inhumanity to man" as something quite new in the world, and imagines that we alone are vicious and diseased. Other animals besides the genus *Homo* have d'seases, even the clean-living wild creatures we have never interfered with.

The common hare, as innocent a vegetarian as breathes, is subject to a pestilence which well-nigh exterminates him. Most diseases are caused by parasitic growths of some sort, and we have no patent on parasites.

As to our vices—even these we so abhor that we call them "unnatural"—are found among other animals whenever the conditions of their lives are such as to produce them.

The temperance exhorter tries to shame us by saying that no other creature gets drunk. He should betake himself to a Western ranch and observe the antics of a "locoed cow." There is a little leguminous plant, known to the ranchman as "loco-weed," for which cattle develop a morbid appetite. Under its influence they get hopelessly drunk—shamefully, helplessly, ridiculously drunk—and they like it.

We are not alone in our weaknesses, but in our strength we are.

In point of fact, the worst features of our lives are not due to real "human" nature at all, but to the nature of our prehuman ancestors, still strong within us. All animals share certain traits in common, but they are distinguished by others belonging to their several species. Canine nature, bovine nature, equine

nature, feline nature—these differ markedly, though all are distinguished by a love of offspring, an appetite for food. So we, as still in animal form, share these and other common animal traits—they are ours, but they are not in any distinctive sense "human."

The human body has weight, but so has a rock. A human mind has memory, but so has an elephant's. Our human nature is something we alone can show, and it is good, good, and growing better from age to age.

We still make war, but the Red Cross follows to heal and save, and the Peace Association labors to prevent. We still practice immorality, but there is a higher, purer ideal of marriage among us now than the world has ever known, and many who know its joys. We are still dishonest, but the public conscience steadily pursues the public thief.

Our standard rises. We improve; we clearly and rapidly improve from age to age, and never so fast as now. Nation after nation awakens and stirs and reaches out for better things. Russia, bound and beaten, is pouring forth a flood of heroism that must inevitably make her free some day. China, whose chains have been forged through centuries, is striving to break them. Japan is the marvel of the ages.

Poor human nature indeed!

What other nature ever lifted itself by conscious effort? That is our prerogative—to see ahead, to set up an ideal and strive for it. We have been at this work since we began to be human; and today there are thousands of us spending whole lives for this one thing—the improvement of humanity.

There is another measurement for the goodness of human nature; that is, to compare it with its conditions.

Here appears one of the most beautiful truths of life—people are always better than their conditions warrant. And not only so, but this further—the worse the conditions, the better the people are in proportion.

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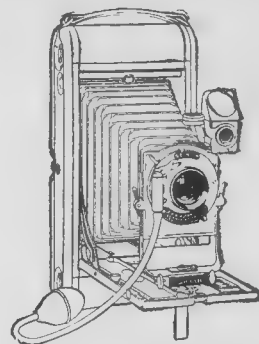
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THE HOME TEST

One of the best tests of a man's character is the home test. To know a man you must live with him. "Is that man a christian?" said someone to George Whitefield the great field preacher. His reply was: "I don't know, I never lived with him." Recently the letters of Mrs. James G. Blaine have been published in two beautiful volumes. This is the way in which she spoke of her husband, the Hon. James G. Blaine: "I have always said—that those who know him most love him best. I dare say he is the best man I have ever known. Do not misunderstand me. I do not say he is the best man that ever lived, but that of all the men whom I have thoroughly known he is the best."

THE ORATOR'S BODY

There is a physical basis for oratory. Every successful public speaker must look well after his body, if he is to retain his public gifts. Old Dr. Lyman Beecher, the father of Henry Ward Beecher understood this. He regarded physical exercise as absolutely indispensable. His biographer says concerning him: "The doctor depended upon constant manual labor for keeping up his own health; and in Boston, where he could not enjoy the luxury of a garden to dig in, he was often puzzled to find means to keep himself in good working order. The consequence was that he sawed all the wood for his own large family, and, often finding that too little, would beg the privilege of sawing at the wood-pile of a neighbor."

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

Genuine Christianity is love in action. Wherever a man manifests an unselfish love for his fellowmen, there you have a beautiful illustration of practical christianity—There you have love in action. The following is from one of our leading denominational papers: "An interesting instance of this fact was recently brought to our notice in connection with the visit of a young Turk to New York. He was shown the great sights of the city—buildings, bridges, subways, newspapers, churches, colleges—as products of Christian civilization, but none of these things seemed to impress him greatly. Christianity made no appeal through these things. But his host suggested that he might enjoy seeing a hospital. He was taken to a Christian hospital, and there found Jews, Arabs, Turks, Chinese and Hindoos. He was dazed. When he was told that the faith of a man was not even asked at admittance, but the hospital played the good Samaritan to all, he confessed it beyond belief. He talked with the Turk, a Mohammedan, in the ward, and the Turk told him the nurse was "an angel." As the Turk left the building he stopped on the pavement, in front of the door, and striking the Mohammedan posture, then and there prayed such a prayer for God's blessing on the Christians as his host had never heard. The story needs no comment."

TAFT

Young men, keep your eyes on Taft—the new president of the United States. He has a modest way about him, which at the present time, is making a tremendous appeal to the solid people of the United States. Recently when addressing the members of his college class, referring to the White House, he said: "I am going there to try and do good" and when on the inauguration day, he took the oath of office, the following incident is recorded of him: "It is now known that President Taft's lips fell upon a very significant verse in the Bible when he reverently leaned over and touched with them the open face of the sacred book held by James H. McKenny, the veteran clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States. The passage was in the third chapter of First Kings, at the point beginning, "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this thy so great people?"

WORKING FOR APPLAUSE

The man who works for applause will never get enough of it to satisfy the cravings of his heart, but the man who works because he is inspired by a great principle will have an internal satisfaction which will abide by him to the very end of his earthly life. Listen to the noble words of the Scientist, Charles Darwin: "I

very often think that what I have done in science has been much overrated, but my comfort is that I have never consciously done anything to gain applause."

A FAMOUS DESPATCH

Stonewall Jackson was a great fighter and a great Christian. He knew how to fight and he knew how to pray—a splendid combination of qualities—by the way. Even when out on the field of battle he was not unmindful of his duties and responsibilities to his church at home. The following story is told of Stonewall Jackson: "During a modern war, a decisive battle had been fought. The telegraph lines were down and the news was slow in reaching some of those most interested. At length a letter from one of the Generals came to his home town. His handwriting was recognized, and there was a general impatience to have the letter opened. The general's pastor to whom it was addressed, broke the seal, and read the following message: "I remember that this is the day for the collection for foreign missions. Please find enclosed my check." Then came the signature of the hero of the battle and that was all. In the rush of our modern life we are apt to forget His benefits and our obligations."

AMUSEMENT

In this day when every Evangelist and preacher has something to say concerning amusements it is well to have the mind fixed upon some fundamental principle by which you can steer the bark of your own life. You will find nothing in all literature better than the following words from a letter by Mrs. Wesley to her son, John Wesley: "Would you judge of the lawfulness or unlawfulness of a pleasure, take this rule: Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things; whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind—that thing, to you, is sin."

TIME

"Time is money."—"Take time by the forelock."—Time is the stuff out of which life is made. How many striking proverbs there are about Time. These will all be illustrated and intensified by the following fact: "On February 14, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell filed his application with the Patent Office for a patent to the telephone. On the same day there came to the Patent Office, a caveat from Professor Elisha Gray of Chicago, which gave notice that he was at work upon a similar instrument. A caveat being defined as "An instrument giving public notice that the applicant is at work on an invention which he has not yet perfected, and is fully as protective, under the law, as an application for a patent." Bell's application was filed first upon the books and therefore had the preference. If Gray's caveat had been sent to Washington twenty-four hours earlier he would no doubt be known today as the patentee of the telephone; and out of it would have made a large fortune. Large sums have been often lost in the business world by unnecessary delay; and failure to act promptly in spiritual matters has cost many a man his soul."

SMART BUT NOT RICH

Harvard's retiring president, Dr. Eliot, is not rich, but what a profound influence he has exerted as president of a great university. Who will challenge his wisdom in deciding to give his life to the building of character rather than the accumulation of money. Here are his own words: "I have listened," continued Dr. Eliot, "for the past two or three months to much praise. It was painful at first. I am getting used to it now, and there is a great satisfaction in the thought that the standard of success which the praise has in mind is not the so-called American standard of money making. It reminds me of what the mate of a steamboat said to me once. I had traveled often on the boat, and the men knew me. The mate said to me one day: 'I want to ask you a question. We've been talking it over. You're a smart man, why ain't you rich?' It is refreshing to see that the American mind is coming around to that point where it can realize that the great successes of life are irrespective of either poverty or wealth. President Eliot comes to the seventies a poor man. Yet we presume from the comments of all the country that his life is looked upon as one of the great successes

of the century. There are many millionaires in the country whose lives have been conspicuous failures. One may make his life a great success with millions, as Mr. Carnegie has done, but one may also live a rich, productive, beneficent life on a living wage only, as Dr. Eliot has done.

LINCOLN AND LIQUOR

The world has just been celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Nearly fifty years have passed away since his death and he seems, on every vital question, to have been a generation ahead of his own age. An exchange remarks:

"Abraham Lincoln, standing next to Washington in honor and in the reverence of the American people, when a member of Congress, refused to drink the wines served at a certain function. In reply to the criticism for his refusal he said, 'I promised my precious mother, only a few days before her death, that I would never use anything intoxicating as a beverage, and I consider that promise as binding today as it was the day I gave it.'"

YOUR RELIGION

Keep your religious sentiments in repair. The church has helped you. See to it that you help the church. If necessary have your own creed, your own church and your own doctrine, but keep your soul on top. "The Soul of Culture is the Culture of the Soul" said Horace Bushnell. Emerson was as liberal in religious thought and opinion but he believed in the necessity of organized Christianity. This was shown when a young woman working in his household, in answer to his inquiry whether she had been to the church, said brusquely, "No, she didn't trouble the church much." He said quietly, "Then you have somewhere a little chapel of your own," a courteous assumption which perhaps set her thinking.

STOP APOLOGIZING

The world has no use for the man who is constantly apologizing, and no honor and fame for the man who is always substituting an explanation for an achievement. "I did the best I knew how!" protested the dressmaker's apprentice, sullenly when she was sharply reprimanded for a piece of ill-judged work that ruined a valuable dress and vexed a valuable customer. "I don't see what she's blaming me for!" "I'm not blaming you for doing the best you knew how!" said the employer, overhearing and turning on her crisply; "I'm blaming you for not knowing better! You ought to—you've been here long enough. You meant well, but good intentions aren't enough to carry on the dressmaking business."

DOCTOR CUYLER

Dear Old Doctor Cuyler has just passed away at 87 years of age. Read his own story of his life. "The Recollections Of A Long Career." He was a great soul and sincere to the core. The N. Y. Christian Advocate said concerning him: "He was universally accessible. The poor were received as if they were rich, and therefore the rich were received as if they were poor. His kindness was sometimes abused, but his penetration was remarkable. A stranger called upon him and asked him to give him five dollars. Dr Cuyler immediately declined to do so. The visitor said, 'Don't you believe in the Golden Rule?' 'I do.' Does not the Bible tell you to 'be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares?'" "It does, but there are two kinds of angels, and I can tell from your breath that you are a fallen angel. The Golden Rule does not require me to assist you in living a life of vice." He was always ready to give his services in behalf of any good cause. He enjoyed being told of his own good deeds and it was a pleasure to him to praise the good works and characters of others.

BACKBONE

Hold your ground. Speak your mind. Be true to your convictions. Refuse to be influenced in any matter concerning which you have made a decision or reached a conclusion. Respect yourself and the world will respect your self-respect. "It is told of General Harrison, that when running for the presidency he stopped at a certain place for dinner. After dinner he pledged his toast in water. A gentleman from New York, in offering another toast, said, 'General, will you not favor me by drinking a glass of wine?' The General refused in a polite manner. Again it was pressed upon him to take a glass of wine. This stirred him. He rose to his feet, and in a very dignified but emphatic manner, said, 'Gentlemen, I have twice refused to take the wine. That should have been sufficient. I made a resolve when I started in life that I would avoid strong drink, and I have never broken it.'"

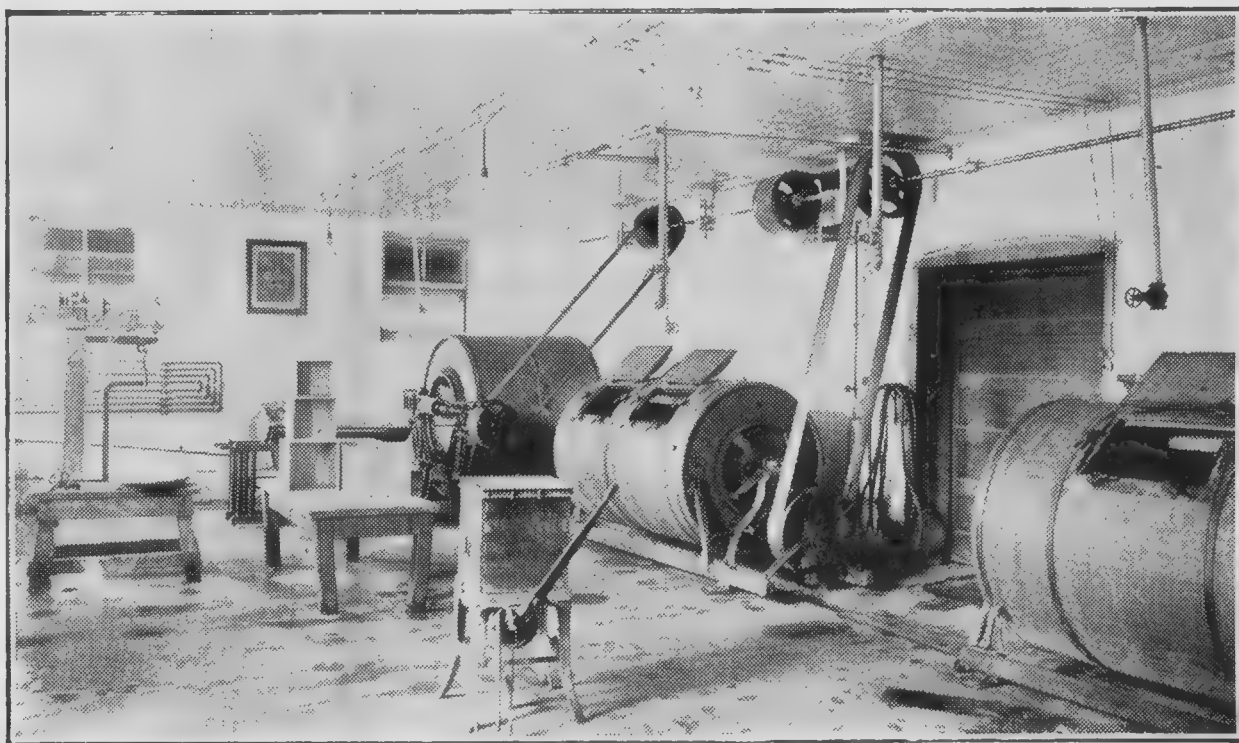
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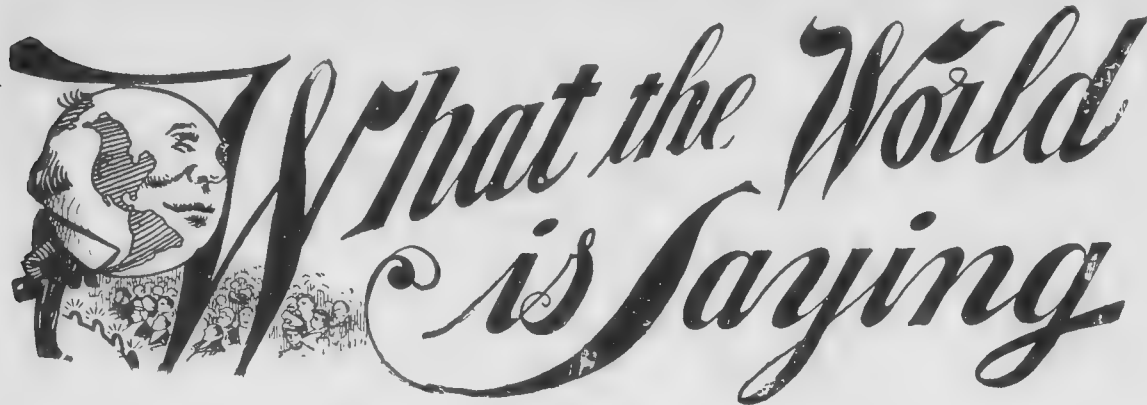


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What the World is Saying

A Preference Gratified.

The man who would rather be right than be premier generally has his preference gratified.—*Montreal Herald.*

The Easier Duty.

It is probably still true that a good many people would rather fight for religion than live for it.—*Woodstock Sentinel.*

Newfoundland Should Come In.

The Newfoundland difficulty may lead some of the Islanders to look toward Confederation to find a way out.—*Hamilton Times.*

Shifting The Great Divide.

The "Great Divide" of the future will not be at the signboard in the mountains, but where the grain streams switch.—*Calgary News.*

The Rideau Hall Marathon.

The Earl of Dudley is mentioned as a possible starter in the Canadian Governor-General race. Several others are training.—*Calgary Herald.*

Only a Beginning.

Canada has established a world's record in immigration. Good! This country is only commencing its career of recordbreaking.—*Ottawa Citizen.*

Tenfold Mightier.

The efficiency of the new British battleship will doubtless be sufficiently indicated by adding another naught to the Dreadnaught.—*New York Sun.*

The Cobalt Region Filling Up.

Many happy returns to Elk Lake. The latest arrival is a baby born in the district. We presume it will be an Elk and not a Moose.—*Cobalt Daily Nugget.*

The Way of the Politicians.

To hear some of the politicians express their views would lead one to believe that there is not a solitary decent man on the opposite side of the political fence.—*Halifax Herald.*

A Practical Inducement.

A Winnipeg woman has gone to Scotland looking for girls who will help her spend \$50,000 in tickets to Canada. That is the most practical inducement to immigration so far heard of, even if it is a woman's scheme.—*Kingston Whig.*

Like the British House of Commons.

In the House of Representatives at Washington the desks are to be thrown out and benches put in their place, as at London. The size of the chamber will be reduced one-third. It will come to that at Ottawa some day, too.—*Brockville Times.*

Good Citizens Welcome Up Here.

Canadians are being "turned back" at Detroit and Buffalo, while at North Portal we, having more sense, are welcoming American settlers with a brass band. A full-grown, ready-made, and well-finished citizen is worth a lump sum to a healthy country.—*Regina Leader.*

The Innocent Suffer.

When men go to prison it too often happens that their innocent wives and children have reason to envy them the food, clothing, and comforts provided by the State. Justice should scarcely rest satisfied with existing conditions.—*London Advertiser.*

Ottawa Shylocks Wax Fat.

The practice of money lending has been prevalent so long in this city, especially in connection with the civil service, that borrowing has got a hold on many people almost like the opium habit.—*Ottawa Evening Journal.*

Should Be Restrictions on Firearms.

It is simply a reflection upon our sense of the reasonableness of things that we allow every Tom, Dick, and Harry to purchase at his own sweet will and pleasure weapons which may blot the life from some often entirely innocent person.—*Montreal Star.*

All the News Isn't Published.

People get the idea that everything of thrilling interest which happens in a community or district appears in the press. This is a mistaken idea. If the newspaper men printed one-half of what they know, the public would get a lot of awfully good reading.—*Belleville Intelligencer.*

Quite a Few Homesteads Left Yet.

That 200,000 free homesteads of 160 acres each of good land are still available in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta indicates that no would-be settler need yet stay away for lack of capital. But still it will not be safe to wait much.—*Ottawa Free Press.*

Linked Lakes.

If anyone will refer to the map, he cannot fail to be struck with the continuity of the series of lakes which extends north-westerly across Canada from the head of Lake Superior. Discarding the Great Lakes themselves, this is the most important series of fresh water bodies in the world.—*Toronto World.*

Spiritualism's Margin.

According to Prof. W. G. Smith, of Toronto University, 95 per cent. of the phenomena reported by spirit mediums is fake. But the learned professor admits that he doesn't know what to say of the other 5 per cent. And that's the trouble with a great many people. It's the unexplainable 5 per cent. that saves the situation for the spiritist.—*Hamilton Spectator.*

Noisy Lobbyists at Ottawa.

The lobbyists have got so obstreperous at Ottawa that the Railway Committee has to keep a policeman to maintain order. Of course the committee might adjourn until the lobbyists get through talking. Doubtless they find it quite as confusing as the members of the committee to have both sessions going on at the same time.—*Montreal Witness.*

Why Not Do Both?

"Do foreign missions pay?" is a question often asked. That depends. It may be answered that if a million dollars saves a soul it is well spent. The answer to that is spend it at home on the heathen there. There are millions of them. Then there are the poor. It is a criminal waste to send money to China and fail to cover the domestic field.—*Windsor Record.*

Too Much to Hope For, Apparently?

Talking about law reform, why should it not be the aim of mankind to work out a code of laws, and state them so explicitly, that all would know them and understand them, leaving to the courts only the task of sifting evidence as to facts? Facts will always be in dispute where self-interests clash, but why should there be eternal disputes as to laws and their meanings?—*Brantford Expositor.*

Fly the Flag.

To the creation and cultivation of true patriotism throughout a nation in the making out of very diverse materials, the display of the flag will powerfully contribute. With this end in view, we

should get into the habit of flying the Union Jack from public buildings and private dwellings. Sentiment as well as natural resources and their development go to the building of a nation and that is the task upon which we are engaged on this northern half of the continent.—*Toronto Globe.*

The "Saving Daylight" Proposal.

It is a simple matter to put the clock an hour ahead in Great Britain, but it is not so easy in this country of magnificent distances, where there are three different standard times, to say nothing of the C.P.R. plan of numbering the hours up to 24 in the West. Still, an extra hour of daylight would be a boon to people confined in stores and factories until 6 o'clock p.m. and would be worth a little confusion in clocks and watches.—*Stratford Beacon.*

When Winnipeg is a Seaport.

To have the wheat of the West loaded on steamers and barges at Winnipeg docks for transportation to Europe would put a new complexion on the transportation question and give the railways very serious competition to meet. Again, might it not mean loading the coal and steel produced in Cape Breton at the docks in Sydney, North Sydney and Inverness to be transported into the very heart of Canada without breaking bulk?—*Glace Bay (N.S.) Gazette.*

Farming as a Business.

There is also a business side of farming, which such organizations as the institutes promote. The modern farmer is every day becoming more and more a business man. He knows how to reckon his profits; he knows how to produce articles at the lowest cost and to sell them in the best market. The marketing of produce is, especially in a country like British Columbia, one of the most important aspects of agriculture.—*Vancouver Province.*

A Confusion of Terms.

Somebody startles this country every now and then by proclaiming that Canada is on the way to independence, and a long controversy arises as to what he means. The trouble arises from confusing independence with separation. Canada is virtually independent now, but there is no apparent desire for separation. Nobody denies that the United Kingdom is independent, but the United Kingdom does not desire to be separated from its partners.—*St. John Telegraph.*

The Great St. Lawrence Route.

The deepening of the Welland Canal will signify that if New York State had hoped through its deeper Erie Canal to divert the Canadian western grain traffic through that State and to the port of New York it is destined to be grievously disappointed. Canada will retain its business; and the port of Quebec—for it is not unlikely that the shipping industry of Quebec will in time be largely developed—will handle the great business which is bound to come from out the fertile and expanding Canadian West.—*Montreal Gazette.*

Great Britain and the United States.

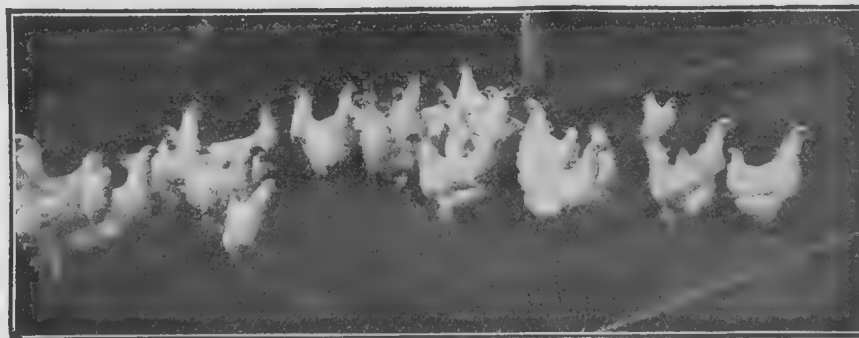
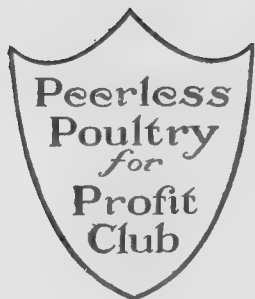
Lord Lansdowne gave expression to sound and sane British policy when he said, the other day: "I rejoice the first place has been given to our relations with America. That is the power of all others where it would be intolerable should non-removable cases of friction have the effect of estranging. Nor is there any power we would more gladly co-operate with in showing other countries that it should never be beyond the powers of two great nations to find an amicable means of removing the sources of international friction and difficulty." And yet there are those, who get themselves listened to, who insist that friendship for Britain puts us in Canada under a moral obligation to be nasty to the States.—*Toronto Star.*

The Colonies and the Empire.

The Colonies are self-governing portions of the Empire, making their own laws and making whatever use they see fit of their own revenues. They do not desire the disintegration of the Empire; on the contrary, one and all of them would fight tomorrow to preserve its integrity. They love peace with honor, and will strive diligently to preserve it unbroken. They seek to oppress no foreign nation; but they have interests in every sea and in every ocean, and since this is a day of preparation for war in time of peace the members of the British family will presently take counsel together looking to their common security. The measures they will adopt will be adequate. These need give disquiet to no friend of peace, but they will, nevertheless, be well calculated to restrain any nation which may cherish designs inimical to the welfare of the King's subjects in either hemisphere.—*London Times.*

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THE PHILOSOPHER

A widely-known railway official in Winnipeg recently showed the Philosopher a copy of the Boston Transcript of February 23, 1885, containing the report of a lecture by Rev. Joseph Cook, the famous clergyman, whose sermons and lectures drew great crowds wherever he went.

THE WHEAT EMPIRE

He preached and lectured in many cities of the United States and Canada, and in the course of his travels visited Western Canada in the latter part of the year 1884. In the course of the lecture in Boston in March, 1885, above referred to, which was largely taken up with an account of his visit to this country, he said: "It has been my fortune lately, in Manitoba and in British Columbia, to meet with experiences which have given me a new conception of the dignity of the Canadian Dominion. Conversing with a professor of a university, in the beautiful and energetic city of Winnipeg, while a map of North America was opened before us, I put my compasses down, one foot on St. Paul, and left the other swinging about the chart. 'Now,' said I to my informant, 'how far north must I carry this loose foot of the compass to reach the furthest border of your good wheat lands?' 'You must carry it north,' said he, 'to the Peace River in Athabaska. On the banks of that stream the buffalo and their young may be seen feeding on grass on the 10th of May.' I opened the compasses until they reached the Peace River, some 1,500 miles north-west of St. Paul. I then swung the compasses around, and their northernmost point, when carried east, stood in the Atlantic ocean, and when carried to the south it stood in the Gulf. Incredible as the assertion may appear, there is more arable land north-west of St. Paul than east of it. Our American Consul at Winnipeg, the Hon. Mr. Taylor, told me that he is accustomed to divide North America into three belts—the cotton belt, the maize belt, and wheat belt—and that, in his judgment, three-quarters of the wheat belt lies north of the international line." That was a bold speech to a Boston audience twenty-five years ago. It must be confessed that there were thousands of Canadians then who did not realize that three-quarters of the wheat area of this country lies north of the international line. The world at large is aware of the fact now.

In an address to the Canadian Club, of Toronto, during the past month, the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Fisher, who has charge of the

THE GROWTH OF POPULATION

work of taking the census, said that there will be 8,000,000 of us by the time the census of 1911 is taken, and that in thirty years the population of Canada will be 30,000,000. Into the first calculation the element of uncertainty hardly enters. It is surely a safe prediction that the census to be taken the year after next will show that there are then 8,000,000 people in the Dominion. Population is coming in at the rate required to reach that total in 1911, and two million or more of that total will be in Western Canada. There is hardly more room for doubt that the other 12,000,000 or more will be added in the course of the next thirty years. The history of this continent shows that in the course of every generation during the past hundred years a new empire has been added to the already peopled portion. A century ago the population of the United States had not spread beyond Pennsylvania. In Lincoln's time Illinois was far West. Wave after wave bearing millions of settlers to homesteads in regions previously uninhabited save by the aborigines rolled onward towards the Pacific. All the West of the continent is now occupied except the last West, which is in Canada, and to this last West the movement of population is coming in ever increasing streams.

There are all the indications of an unprecedented inflowing of settlers into Western Canada this year. The land offices in the three Prairie Provinces are crowded daily with

THIS YEAR'S NEWCOMERS

applicants for homesteads. One feature of this invasion, and certainly not the least pleasing feature, is the certainty that great numbers of settlers from the Western States will be among this year's newcomers. The activity which in the last two generations opened up Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, the Dakotas and the Pacific States is now being turned in full stream to this country. The railways report that there will be a greater movement across the international line this year than ever before. When we remember that last year 58,000

settlers came across the line, we may confidently look forward to an inrush this year that will be of great advantage to the development of our country. From Europe also, and especially from Great Britain, there are indications that the immigration in 1909 will surpass anything heretofore known.

The announcement that already \$46,000,000 has been spent on the part of the National Transcontinental which is between Winnipeg and Moncton is one to make Canadians, to say nothing of the rest of the world, realize how this country is forging ahead. This great work of constructing a new ocean-to-ocean highway across Canada is being carried on for the most part in regions remote from general knowledge. The line from Winnipeg to Fort William is to be ready for use by September next. That will mean that the capacity of "the spouts of the West" will be four times what it was when this era of railway expansion started less than ten years ago. At that time there was just one line of tracks from Winnipeg to Lake Superior, the single track of the Canadian Pacific. Since then the Canadian Pacific line has been double-tracked, the Canadian Northern line has been built, and now the Grand Trunk line is to be ready for the next harvest. Four lines, instead of one, and all of them reaching inland to Edmonton, and most of the new construction opening up new fertile areas.

RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

The Province of Alberta produced over 33,000,000 bushels of grain of all kinds in 1908, and yet only a trifle over one-half of one per cent. of the tillable land of that Province

UNREALIZED POSSIBILITIES

has as yet been brought under cultivation. Alberta alone, without encroaching upon the acreage required for the production of coarser grains, is capable of producing a volume of wheat equal to that at present being produced by the whole of the United States. This is just one way of stating the impossibility of estimating the enormous potentialities of Western Canada. It is also one way of stating the importance of the continuance of an aggressive immigration policy, in order to secure the development of those enormous potentialities. Care should certainly be taken in the selection of immigrants. Elements which cannot be assimilated, and those unlikely to become capable of wisely exercising the powers of self-government should be rigidly excluded. But from the Germanic and Scandinavian countries as well as from the British Isles and the United States, a constant and ever-growing inflow of settlers should be secured. Our own and kindred races only, and not any others, white or yellow, should hold these vast and fertile areas.

An English paper, the London Standard has been reviving a complaint that has no real life in it, though it is heard of once in a while. It is

"CANADIAN" AND "AMERICAN"

that our neighbors to the south monopolize the word "American," which belongs also to Canada. And to Mexico, as well, it may be added, to say nothing of the American countries south of Mexico. Says the Standard: "If the United States formed the country of the nineteenth century, Canada will surely prove the country of the twentieth. Its population is already greater than was that of its southern neighbor at the beginning of the last century, and it has actually received a greater number of immigrants in a single week than were landed in the United States during a whole year at the beginning of the nineteenth century." Which is almost unquestionably true but does not bear particularly upon the argument that Canadians should dispute with the people of the United States over the word "American." Usage is the law of language; and the usage by which the word "American" means a citizen of the country to the south was primarily a usage that grew up in Great Britain. The Standard calls upon Canadians to invent an adequate and correct adjective for the United States. Canadians are, and will continue to be, too busy to bother about anything of the kind. One of the Toronto papers some fifteen years ago invented the term "United Stateser" to denote an American, and labored to get it into general use. But it was wasted effort, as any such effort is bound to be. Let the Americans continue to be known as Americans. The people of this country are proud to be known as Canadians, and would exchange the name for no other.

A young man named Andrew Dietner, a Canadian of German descent, living near Berlin, Ontario, recently engaged to work for a farmer out in Nebraska. He was on his way there when he was stopped at Detroit and turned back, under the alien labor law of the United States. During the same week of the past month twelve Canadians were similarly turned back at Detroit. The question is, why should Andrew Dietner, or any other young farmer, want to go to Nebraska, or any other of the States? If he wants to take his skill, experience and industry to the best market, he should come to Western Canada. Why should a young Ontario farmer, who feels the call to new fields, want to go to Nebraska, when a whole half continent richer than that Western State ever was calls him into the West of his own country? Why should he subject himself to the indignity of being "turned back" at Detroit, when by reading the despatches in the newspapers of the same day that he suffered that affront he would have learned that hundreds of Nebraska farmers are trekking across the border to settle on Canadian wheat lands? He should read the papers, and keep tab on the opportunities that his own land offers. If he goes to Nebraska, he will merely get in at the tail end of the procession and take the dust of those who are teaming their goods and chattels back across the border into the great agricultural area of the future. Why follow? Why not get into the van of the movement?

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CANADIAN INVENTIVENESS

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United States silver is common in every border community in this country, and indeed throughout Canada generally. The announcement was recently made by the Minister of Finance at Ottawa that it is the intention of the Dominion Government to re-

UNITED STATES SILVER IN CANADA

new the former arrangement with the banks by which United States silver was deported from Canada. The Canadian who gets United States silver in his small change every day is apt to get a little hot when he recalls his experience across the border, where Canadian silver and bills do not pass current. He knows that Canadian silver coin is every bit as good as that of the United States; he is convinced that the banks which issue bills in Canada are a good deal more secure than those of the United States; and it is no wonder that he gets annoyed when he comes face to face with a condition in which his country's money is refused, while United States money is freely accepted in Canada. In these days of diplomatic negotiations between the two countries it ought not to be impossible to arrange some definite plan between the Governments of the two countries under which the money of each Government would be good for its face value in both countries; but if that is impossible the next best plan is the deporting of the United States silver from Canada.

That was a piece of excellent advice by the Bishop of London to the girls in a fashionable school in the West End, as reported in the cable dispatch in the newspapers within the past fortnight.

A BISHOP ON "THE CATTY SPIRIT"

"Never be cats," he said. "There is the greatest difference in the world between an old maid and an old cat." There is, indeed. The old maid, at her best, is one of the best and finest of human creatures; but the "old cat," be she maid, wife or widow, is one of the most despicable. The Bishop of London told his schoolgirl audience that the curse of the fashionable was "the prevalence of a 'catty spirit.'" The cat—in some respects an estimable animal—will sit up for hours by a hole, waiting for a mouse. She might be otherwise employed, but she prefers to crouch and watch for some helpless victim. The "old cat" against whom the Bishop of London spoke sits likewise on the watch, intent on tearing her neighbors' reputations to pieces. She may do it crudely, or, like the skilful tabby, with a graceful sweep of velvet talon. Yet she is an old cat, nevertheless, deserving always to be reprobated.

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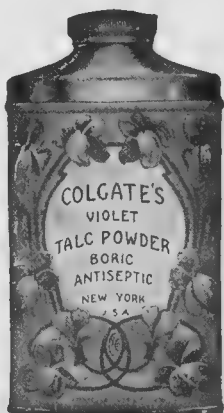
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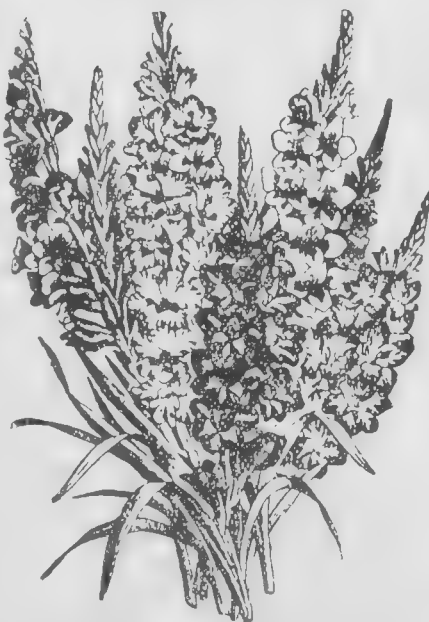
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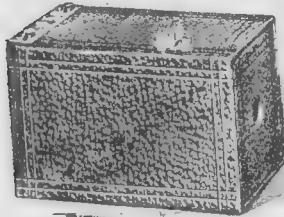
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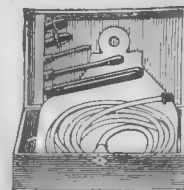
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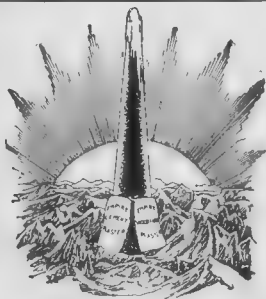
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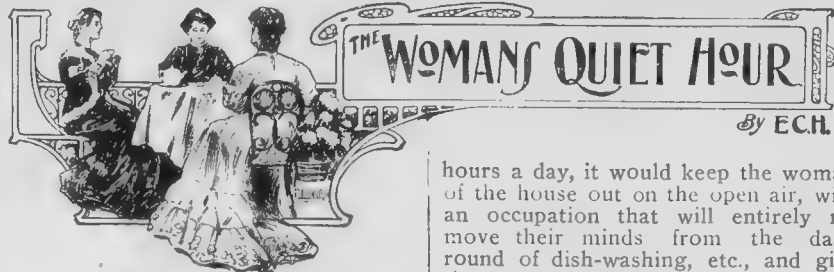
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By the time the
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its readers the glory
of the Pascal morn will once more be
flooding the earth. There are disputes
about the exact date of our Lord's
birth, but none about the anniversary
of His resurrection.

Coming as it did at the time of the
famous passover feast it was a date
easily and generally recorded. To
me it has always been a most wonder-
ful thought that centuries afterwards
we look up into the Easter sky and
see the same flood of moonlight that
bathed the ancient city of Jerusalem
and the garden of Gethsemane on the
eventful night of our Lord's betrayal;
that lighted the Roman soldiers as
they guarded his tomb and the path-
way of our risen Lord as he passed
from that tomb through the garden
out into the world of men and wom-
en; thus removing forever from the
christian believers of all time the
"sting of death".

Is it any wonder that on Easter
Sunday morning there is no hymn
that rings so joyously as:

"Christ the Lord is risen today
Sons of men and angels say.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal.
Christ hath burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids His rise
Christ hath opened Paradise."

As we watch the Easter morn this
year let us revel in the assurance that
because "He" has risen, we may rise
also and not only from physical but
also from moral death. Easter, quite
as much as New Year, is a time of
beginnings, of new hopes and new
aspirations. To all readers of this
column I would give the Easter greet-
ing that throughout the first centur-
ies was the common greeting of
the church on Easter morning "He is
risen"

Poultry

It is always with a
certain amount of
diminution that I
mention this subject because of not
being a practical dairy woman, but
during the month I had an opportu-
nity of a long talk with that very suc-
cessful and very practical poultry-
raiser, Mrs. A. Cooper, of Treesbank.
After years of experience Mrs. Coop-
er pins her faith to Barred Rocks and
and her record at the various spring
shows is one to be proud of. Person-
ally I felt very proud of her, the
thursday evening of the Brandon
Winter Fair, when she was the only
woman called forward to receive a
cup she had won. The thousands of
spectators greeted her most heartily.
The cup was a very handsome one and
well worth winning. In chatting with
Mrs. Cooper, she told me that she is
devoting herself almost exclusively
to raising fowls for breeding pur-
poses and is finding it very profitable,
as the demand for breeding stock is
growing all over the Canadian West
and people are finding it more satis-
factory to secure home bred birds
than to pay higher prices abroad for
birds that may die during the process
of becoming acclimatized. She does
not, however, recommend new begin-
ners to go in for expensive breeding
stock, stating that it requires very
considerable experience before it is
safe to venture into this line. She
does, however, recommend the keep-
ing of chickens to every woman on the
farm, stating that with ordinary care
they can be made to pay and pay
well, and that not the least valuable
thing about poultry is the fact that
at intervals which amount to several

hours a day, it would keep the woman
of the house out on the open air, with
an occupation that will entirely re-
move their minds from the daily
round of dish-washing, etc., and give
them new thoughts about many
things. Mrs. Cooper was good en-
ough to say that if any woman re-
quired more information along poul-
try lines she was quite welcome to
write her at Treesbank, Man., and
she would be pleased to give her any
counsel or help in her power. She
pointed out that poultry raising was
more profitable, and much less labori-
ous than butter making and required
a considerably smaller capital to start
with.

Nellie L.
McClung.

The author of "Sow-
ing Seeds in Dan-
ny" was a visitor
in Winnipeg for a
couple of weeks in the month of
March, and all who met with her were
charmed with her modest and unas-
suming manner. It is not given to
everyone who has produced a success-
ful book to carry their honors so
modestly. In the course of a chat
I had with her one Sunday afternoon
she admitted that she was hard at
work on another book and that she
was endeavoring to develop the char-
acter of Pearly Watson still further.
What interested me more, however,
was that she would give us something
more about "Martha Perkins". All
who have read the book will remem-
ber the toilworn girl whom the
Motherwell's wanted their son to mar-
ry because she was such a wonderful
worker, and how when she went to the
party she did not know what to do
with her hands. There are so many
"Martha Perkins" in real life that I
am sure every reader could pick one,
if not two in their own neighborhood.
Like Martha of old they are "careful
and troubled about many things".
They are apt to be despised by soci-
ety, but how much of the hard work
of the world is done by them and
how little they know of joy—I am
sure every reader of "Danny" will be
glad to learn more of "Martha Per-
kins"

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I promised to say
something more
about this much-
needed institution
when it was once under way. It is
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My last notice about it has borne
fruit, as already more than one wo-
man has written to this column for
details about what would be the most
useful things to send from the coun-
try. For the benefit of those who
are anxious for further information
let me say they should apply direct
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nipeg, and she will be able to give
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needed. In Winnipeg on Easter
Saturday scores of girls and young
women will have tiny stalls in many
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hospital. The appeal of childhood in
need will always be the strongest ap-
peal in the world.

Dr. Grenfell

One of the great
events of the month
in Winnipeg was the
visit of the famous Labrador mission-
ary, Dr. Grenfell. In the West in
common with all new countries the
struggle for life is very arduous and
people grow to live in the market
place and material gain looms so
large on the horizon as to blot out
almost every other aim in life. It is
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but to the betterment of the lives of others on one of the harshest frontiers of the world. Doing this with a simplicity that should bring the blush of shame to everyone who in the past has been wont to mention with any degree of pride the good deeds they have done. Those who have read "Doctor Luke of Labrador", and "Dr. Grenfell's Parish" by Norman Duncan will have some idea of the character of the work Dr. Grenfell is engaged in, for, those books though not biographical were almost wholly inspired by the wonderful work on the Labrador coast. Winnipeg audiences had not only the great pleasure of listening to the man himself, but of having brought before them very vividly by means of the beautifully colored lantern slides the varied activities in which he and his helpers are engaged. To women, the pictures of the trained nurses who have volunteered for work in his hospitals were of special interest. Such strong grand faces and the tribute Dr. Grenfell paid them was such as to make every woman in the great audiences glow with pride to think she belonged to the same sex. There is to be a Grenfell association in the West and I hope to tell my readers more about it in a later issue.

We have hard times here in our Canadian West, but, our worst times seem ease when compared with the lives of those on the Labrador coast and it seems fitting that the prosperous and splendidly endowed Northwest should make some systematic effort to help the less fortunate Northeast of Canada.

The Month's Bright Sayings

President Taft: To be a good neighbor is a large part of what is meant by being a good citizen.

Mrs. Hetty Green: Women who spend three or four hours a day dressing are not much use in the world.

Andrew Carnegie: There is one sort of thrift which is in the power of the very poorest. It is to refrain from waste.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward: Thoughtlessness is responsible for quite half the cruelty in the world; and selfishness for the other half.

J. M. Barrie: Once in his life every man is a hero of romance to some woman; and some woman is an angel to some man.

Lord Strathcona: It is useless to spend time bewailing our youth. There is no reason why old age should not be enjoyable.

Marie Corelli: If I were a woman I should strongly object to being judged by a jury of women; women are never just to women.

Lord Grey: If there is anything in the way of natural resources that Canada has not got in a superlative degree, I should like to be informed of it.

Agnes Deans Cameron: You can never make a man believe that the way to sew on a button is not to stab it through the heart as though it were an enemy and then strangle it by winding thread around its neck.

Chief of Police Stark, of Toronto: The really good criminal—that is to say, the skilful criminal—must perforce be a sober man while he is at his work, just the same as a good mechanic or a scientist has to be sober while he is working.

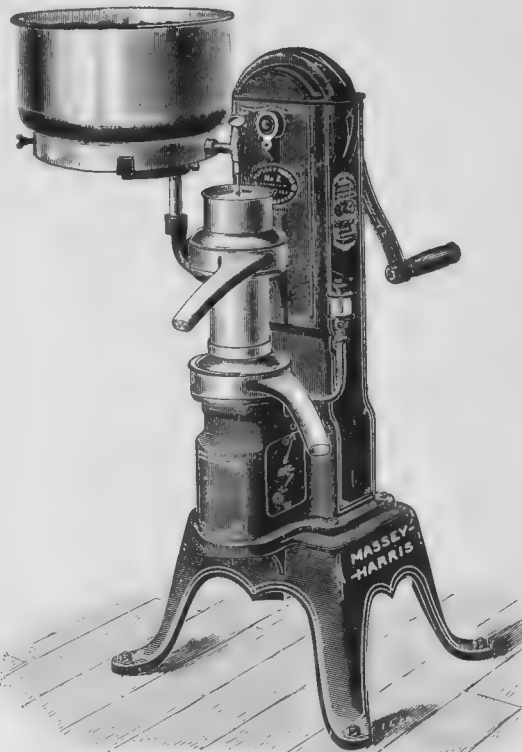
Mark Twain: To make the world better, nothing could accomplish quite as much as a few simple improvements in our habits. To breathe sufficiently, chew with thoroughness, choose food for nourishment, drop the sitting posture, exercise, keep the windows open, and not overheat the rooms, would be to lengthen life, improve it, make it far more unmistakably worth the living.

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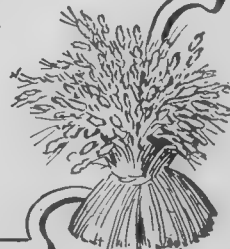
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Spring

I do not suppose that many of my readers have as yet bought spring hats. All the big city stores have had their millinery openings and a great many hats have been ordered, as is the custom where hundreds of hats must go out from one workroom and if you want to have an Easter hat you need to order it early in February and cannot always be sure of it even then.

One advantage of these early openings is the fact that it gives the writers of fashion pages a chance to see what is likely to be worn and to give their readers due notice as to the best in shapes, colors and modes of decoration.

Shades

The shapes this season are very striking and many of them exceedingly ugly, but fortunately there are a sufficient number of pretty shapes to give every woman a chance of a hat that will suit her face and her purse.

The leading shapes for spring are nearly all on turban or helmet lines though there are a sprinkling of huge flat hats with small crowns, which so far as I have been able to judge are not becoming to any woman, tall or short, thin or fat, old or young. They are to be avoided with care by the woman who has to drive for the hat pins have not been invented that would keep them on the head in a wind.

In talking with leading milliners who have been much abroad and in New York, I find that there is a very well established idea that later in the season small hats and even bonnets with strings will be fashionable.

Just at present the hats which are called small are really large, they are only small in comparison. Three shapes are to be recommended among the smaller hats: these are the bowler turban, the Spanish turban and the Helmet of Navarre. The bowler turbans are very much the shape of a wooden butter bowl inverted, and off the head are the ugliest thing imaginable, but on many heads, please remember I do not say all, are smart and becoming. They are of the order of the little girl with the curl in the middle of her forehead, for when they are good, they are very, very good and when they are bad they are very horrid indeed. They are only to be worn by women with plenty of hair of their own, or of someone else's. If worn with the hair done close to the head they invariably create the impression of an old-fashioned candle with the extinguisher put on.

The Spanish turban is on the lines which have always been recognized as turban, only the bands are very high and the crowns extremely large. They are usually made of fancy braids on wire shapes, do not require much additional trimming, are very comfortable on the head and are very generally becoming.

The helmet of Navarre is a hat as nearly on the lines of the helmet worn by the famous "Henry of Navarre" as it is possible for anything modern to be and the decorations whether they be plumes, wings, flowers, or ribbon, are arranged to carry out the idea of the "white plumes of Navarre". This shape is made up in both the dress and tailored effects and with either it is good and generally becoming.

Dutch bonnets are shown among the early styles. These are along two lines. There is the large flaring shape cut with the horse-shoe opening behind and with the large streamers

of ribbon that may either be tied under the chin or allowed to hang down behind. Or there is the little Dutch bonnet coming close round the face and with large bunches of either ribbon or flowers above the ears. This style is very chic for round fresh complexioned young girls, but older women should be very careful in selecting it, as it is trying and if not wholly suited to the face is very apt to emphasize age and wrinkles.

Colors

The leading colors this spring are blue, along the Delf shades, old rose, canard, a shade between old rose and mahogany, prunelle, mulberry, Catwba, three shades along the line of purple or violet, rust brown and black and white. The purple shades are very popular, they are along the reddish lines, but should be chosen with care as they are very trying to anyone with a hint of yellow in their complexion.

All black hats, elaborately decorated with or entirely made of jet are very popular and combinations of black and white are especially good.

Flowers

It is a flower year from start to finish and it is impossible to have too many flowers. Roses and poppies are almost the only large flowers shown but there is an endless profusion of small flowers, especially the old English field and garden flowers, pansies, buttercups, daisies, cowslips, wallflowers, evening primroses, bachelor buttons, morning glories are all shown and it is not extreme to find half a dozen varieties on one hat with a big rose or a big poppy along with them. It does not sound artistic but the milliners manage to make it look that way which is after all the main thing. Roses when they are worn are either very large, or the tiny tea roses in pink or yellow, used in great clusters.

Ornaments

The ornaments take the form of cabuchons or great square buckles or pins with enormous heads and jet is the leading thing of which ornaments are made. Some of the jet cabuchons measure nine inches across but they are not considered correct by people of good taste. The jet used with light colors and flowers is very effective, however and when not overdone is one of the smartest combinations of the season.

Materials

As has already been hinted it is a season of hand made shapes and the braids used are almost a trimming in themselves, particularly what is known as taggle braid. Chiffon is returning to favor and tulle is extensively used. Ribbons are also used to a considerable extent and are the liberty satin ribbons in pastel shades. Touches of velvet in either harmonizing or contrasting colors are seen on almost everything. For example a Spanish turban of champagne straw was decorated with a coil of mulberry velvet and a bird of paradise feather caught with a buckle of dull gold inlaid with pale green enamel and brilliants.

A bowler turban made entirely of blue cornflowers shading from light to dark was finished with a twist of deep blue velvet caught with hand-sae jet cabuchons.

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Dutch bonnet was of fine flexible brown straw with a soft coil of deep wallflower velvet across the top held in place over each ear with clusters of palest yellow cowslips and strings of the same shade as the flowers, of wide liberty satin ribbon.

A helmet of Navarre in a fancy braid in London Smoke, was faced with Navarre blue velvet and decorated with wings shading from deep blue through green to the London smoke.

These descriptions will give some idea of the combinations being worn.

Several of the larger houses showed spring suits with the hats and it proved a very popular idea. I would say to the girl who buys a suit this spring with the intention of wearing it next fall to get what is known as the three-piece suit. That is a dress in either princess or empire effect with a long semi-fitting coat. These suits are decidedly the newest thing now and will be more likely to be in the lead next fall than the skirt and coat alone.

The materials in suits this year are decidedly lighter in weight than has been the case for some years. Many suits are made of voile over silk and this is a decided innovation as no attempt to produce voile in tailored effects has been seen heretofore. The result is good in appearance but whether it would be serviceable is a question.

Satin Coats
Black satin coats smartly tailored are among the novelties of the season and are both handsome and serviceable. They are made of a heavy weight satin and usually lined with white or very light mauve or blue so that they may be worn over light gowns without soiling them. They are made either perfectly plain or trimmed with narrow silk braid or soutache. They are three-quarter length and semi-fitting and when worn over a plain grey, pale blue, catawba, or olive green gown, they are most effective.

Lace Coats
For very dressy wear and the hot summer time lace coats are going to be very popular. They come in white, black and champagne and are either lined with thin satin or are entirely unlined, the latter being the more popular. They come in Battenburg and Irish crochet and are machine made, but so good an imitation of hand-made lace that it would be difficult to tell the difference at a little distance. Some may be interested in the relative price of these coats and I might say that a very handsome one can be got in either black or white from \$20 upward. The advantage of a coat of this description is that it can be worn in the hottest weather over a very thin wash gown and give it an air of great elegance or it can be worn in cooler weather over a plain silk or wool gown and do equally good service. The white ones are easily cleaned at home. They should not be washed but allowed to soak for a day or so in gasoline then squeezed out very dry and hung out in the sun and wind until the odor leaves them.

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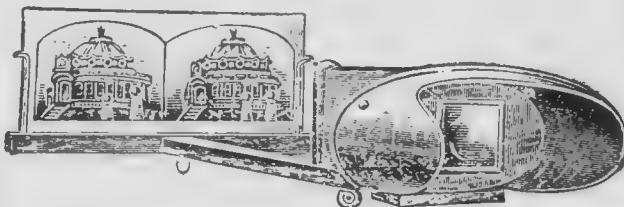
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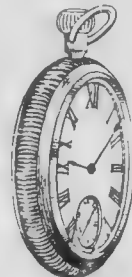


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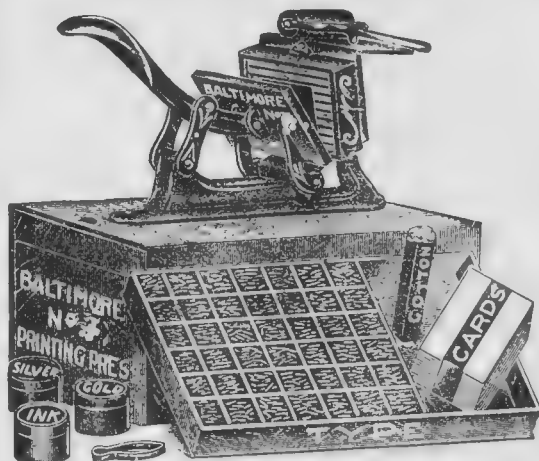


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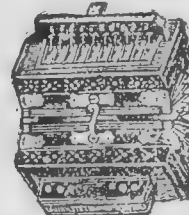
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A Place-Card in Spring Colors.

shows an original touch in the three little bunnies peering through a border of daffodils. The card measures five inches by seven, and the upper part, being quite free of illustration, affords space for a name, a quotation or a greeting. In copying this design paint the Bunnies in natural shades of brown, the long, stiff leaves of the daffodils a light green, and the blossoms that peep in between in their own beautiful yellow tints.

A new idea for a souvenir or a place-card for Easter was simply made of a large visiting-card with gilded edges; on it rested a nest of myrtle which was fastened here and there by a few stitches of white silk thread. In this myrtle basket rested an Easter egg made by cutting a walnut in halves and removing the meat. The shells were painted white, and on the top half in gold letters was written: "Easter and the year." An Easter quotation or poem was tucked inside, the nut closed and it was tied with green baby-ribbon and laid in the myrtle nest.

For her first spring violet luncheon every girl wants something in the way of decoration new and prettier than she had last year. Well, here's a dessert secret, which even in imagination calls up a dainty, appetizing picture. Serve the ice cream, which should be all white—in bricks—on green glass plates. Sprinkle candied violets here and there, with one or two very small natural leaves over the top. The brick should rest on a mat of natural leaves.

Eggshell flower-holders for an Easter table were made by cutting an oval out of the side of some eggs, the contents removed and the shells dried. Then these cut edges were gilded and a butterfly or a spray of flowers painted on the side of each shell. These little cups were then mounted on small pieces of Bristol-board.

The Easter colors, white and gold, may be beautifully combined on a dining-table at a very slight expense. From the chandelier suspend, say twelve white ribbon-ends for a party of twelve people, and tie each one around a gilt egg, bearing the name of a guest. These are to be placed at the several plates. A centrepiece of white flowers and ferns, in a crystal vase, together with yellow-shaded candles, completes this simple but effective table decoration.

Novel souvenirs of a spring luncheon are toast cards made of leather. Purchase a sheet of leather-board—a thick, leather-colored cardboard sold at the artists' supply shops—and cut it into pieces four inches square with beveled edges. Then provide the same number of pieces of brown Bristol-board seven inches square. Sketch in poker work or brown ink on each of the leather squares a girl's head, and beneath it a toast such as one sees on the brass medallions sold in the shops; or, better still, originate a verse or two suitable to the friends who are to receive these little gifts. Then mount the light squares upon the dark ones, exactly in the centre. Attach hangers of cord or narrow strips of leather and you have a group of presents that are unique and most inexpensive.

An inexpensive candelabra, one that makes an original and pretty ornament for a spring party-table, was made of a branch or short limb of a tree. Choose a tree of any kind with four or six fairly heavy branches. Drill holes in these branches for common-sized candles after cutting the branches about eighteen inches from the trunk, which should measure twenty inches from the bottom to the first branch. Drill three holes twelve inches from the bottom and insert twigs an inch and a half in diameter, which will serve for supports. For decoration use garlands of evergreens and spring blossoms twisted around the branches, the trunk and the supports.

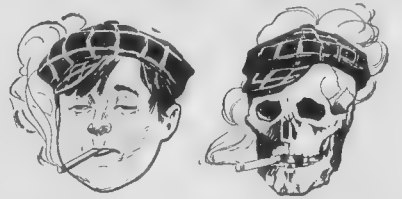
An "Easter tree" is a charming conceit for an Easter table centrepiece. The foundation is a small shrub of any kind, provided it is of good foliage and a deep green. It should be embedded in sand in a white or green jardiniere, with tulle and ferns arranged at its base. On its branches should be hung gracefully a number of dark green cones, one for each cover laid. These cones are formed of six leaf-shaped sections, wide in the centre and tapering to a point at each end. Each section is two inches across at the widest part and nine inches long. The material used may be crepe paper, but soft China silk is preferable, as the paper is liable to tear and thus destroy the effect.

The sections for each cone are sewed neatly together at the base and one-third of the distance up, leaving two thirds of the petals free. A white Easter lily is slipped into each cone, and the green silk petals are brought up lightly over the lily and inclosing it; the green petals are held in place with green baby-ribbon run through slits cut in the upper point of each silk petal. The lower part of the green cone is securely fastened to the stem of the lily with twine. The cones are now attached securely to the tree by the lily stem, the fastening hidden under little sprays of smilax or fern. One end of the ribbon attached to each cone hangs down and runs to each cover, where it is fastened, under a jaunty bow, to the neck of a Bunny.

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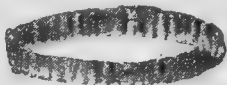
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A Good Design for a Booklet.

The next idea, planned for an Easter or really any-time gift, is the attractively-designed booklet illustrated below. The method of making the leaves is simply the usual way of using sheets of white notepaper, piercing three holes through, all at the left-hand side ready for a cord. The cover for this booklet is a rather heavy grade of green cardboard, pierced at the left-hand side like the inside sheets. The decorations are somewhat unusual, being made of

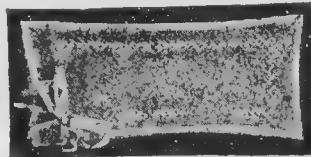


An Idea for a Memorandum Book.

white crepe paper. It was an easy matter to trace the outline of some large letters seen in an advertisement, cut out the pattern and apply it to the crepe paper. Very thin mucilage was used in applying the letters and the clover leaf, first to a letter cut out of stiff white paper and then to the cardboard, and only a gentle pressure was needed to make it stick, the paper being soft. Be careful not to press out the crinkles. A few here and there and a fine line of gold paint all around the edges made a surprisingly good effect with its color scheme in green, gold and white. The cord used was harmonious in a deeper shade of green.

Two Popular and Serviceable Sachets.

Either one of these pretty sachets is worth the making and the having—the long, narrow one made of Swiss trimmed with feather-stitching, or the square one made of linen with a hemstitched border. It happens that both are filled with the ever-fragrant lavender flowers, showing that that



is really a very popular perfume, though rose, geranium, violet or lemon-verbena are favorites, too, and may be used if preferred. Violet ribbons form the dainty trimming shown in the graceful bow on the one, and the two rosettes on the other. Both of the sachets have an unusual prac-

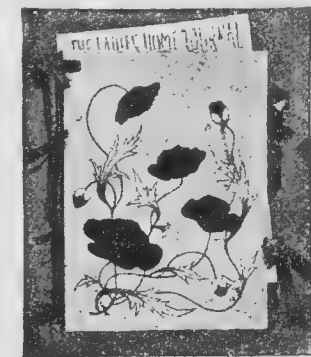


Sachets That Can be Washed.

tical value for the reason that the covers may be laundered and the perfume renewed at any time. On the under side of each at one end the muslin is finished with a narrow hem that is fastened with just a few stitches so that it may be easily opened.

A Portfolio for Large Magazines.

For keeping periodicals which are square or long in shape, for music or for a collection of prints, a large portfolio is almost a necessity, and it is usually a difficult matter to find just the right size in the shops. The only alternative, therefore, is to make one of desired measurements. The one illustrated shows a very good



To Hold Your Large Magazines.

sample. Heavy green cardboard forms the two covers. These are neatly faced with a handsome shade of red satin, while the upper cover is decorated in a poppy design. The flowers were cut from red satin and applied very closely to the cover with glue. The leaves and stems of the design were outlined with India ink. A novel idea for the enlargement of the folio, so that it will hold any number of pages, is the strip of red satin attached to the covers. It measures about six inches wide, and has four casings on it at even distances apart. Red ribbons are run through these casings, drawn, and tied in bows, or loosened so as to widen the back when the necessity arises.

FOUND DEAD IN BED!

Mr. John C. Harris, a prosperous young farmer of Chambersburg N. Y., went to bed last Thursday night feeling as well as usual. Next morning his wife found him dead in bed beside her! Was it murder? Yes and no. No, because he died from so-called natural causes—yes, because for months he'd known that he had heart disease, and that sudden death might come from the least over-exertion, or by sleeping on his left side, and this last proved too true! And yet this bright, intelligent young man, with everything to live for, wouldn't listen to reason—either to his doctor or to the earnest pleadings of his wife to do something. "It don't amount to anything," he'd say, "only a little palpitation, it's my stomach, I think. It will go away of itself." But delay cost his life! Was not this self-murder?

This case is only one; sixty thousand people die yearly of Heart Disease! Six in every ten have it. Many don't know it, they think it's something else and doctor the stomach, kidneys, female organs, etc., and get no better; and a good many who do know think it can't be cured. Now Heart Disease is just as curable as any other disease; we have proved this fully by curing over a hundred and thirty thousand cases! Many of these were the most chronic, serious, complicated kind, in which all other remedies and doctors had failed, and hope seemed gone, but our treatment cured them quickly and to stay cured! In very many cases of Heart Disease the Nerves and Stomach are affected also, and in such it is useless to treat the heart alone, and one reason why our treatment cures is because it sets the stomach right, removes constipation, steadies and revitalizes the nerves and builds up the whole system, besides strengthening, controlling and curing the heart. We can cure YOU! no matter how bad off, and to prove it we will send you by mail, postpaid, without any conditions, without any restrictions, and without any cost, a regular full-size treatment of Dr. Fuller's Heart and Nerve Cure, and his illustrated book with which you will know your own case as well as any doctor. Both are free.

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by V. W. Horwood, Architect, Winnipeg

This little four-roomed cottage has been designed for summer use but can be consistently modified to suit other conditions and still be within reach of the average purse. The plan of having all four rooms on one floor should appeal to the housewife who does her own work. However, if it is found necessary to enlarge on this, a stair could easily be put up

behind the back bedroom and the upper portion of the cottage used as bathroom, etc.

The cottage is about 22x22 ft., of shingles, with a field stone base and fire-place, but no basement. Just plain home comfort with everything neat and pleasant is written all over this well-planned cottage. On warm sunny days the porch is large enough for all the members of the family.

The front door leads into the living room, where there is a broad open fire-place to give warmth and cheer on cold days. This room also answers the purpose of dining room, and to the left there is an entrance to the kitchen. The whole of the interior is boarded, no plaster, and can be tinted or burlapped to suit the owner. Each room is well lighted and ventilated and one end of the verandah might be screened off for use as a sleeping room, on warm nights. The decorative scheme, would, of course be very simple in this small home. Scrim or crash curtains with stenciled borders to match the room colors or finish, and mission style furniture are quite in keeping.

robust character throughout. The head should be joined to a well-filled, round, muscular neck, wide at the poll and back of the ears, and gradually enlarging in all lines to a strong full junction at the shoulders, as seen from tip, sides or bottom. This should be accompanied by a wide chest, a prominent, well-filled brisket, and a full heart girth, giving straight, even lines from the shoulders back. A depression either in front of or behind the shoulder, whether at the top, side or bottom line, is an indication of weakness. The back should be strong, wide and well-meated from shoulder point to tail. The hind-quarters should be full and well let down in leg and flank. The legs should be placed wide apart and stand straight. Sickle-shaped hocks and weak, sloping pasterns afford sufficient reason for condemning an otherwise good sheep. It is no use trying to breed sheep unless you intend to dip them. That is essential to good health and clean wool. Cooper's Dip is used by the governments of Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, United States, Argentine and Spain.

Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

In response to many enquiries from all parts of the world with regard to the new Pacific Coast terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, Prince Rupert, a comprehensive and interesting pamphlet has been issued, giving information respecting this great support of the Pacific. The land acquired by the railway company for this new city is 24,000 acres for the purpose of the townsite and the development of the port. The first subdivision of the townsite will cover an area of about 2,000 acres, and will be opened to the public and sold on or about May 1st, 1909.

The publication contains a general plan of the new townsite, and a large interesting map of the North Pacific showing Prince Rupert Harbor and vicinity.

Copies of this publication may be had for the asking by applying to A. E. Duff, 260 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Man. Mention the Western Home Monthly when writing.

A Handsome Catalogue Free.

The Tudhope McIntyre Co., of Orillia, Ont., makers of high wheel motor vehicles, has sent us a copy of their new spring catalogue. The catalogue referred to is comprehensive, nicely printed, illustrated throughout with fine half-tone illustrations showing the many vehicles in skeleton form and in the finished state as well. To attempt to enumerate the many excellent features of the various styles of vehicles shown would take up more space than we can afford to give here. To all who are interested in high wheel motor vehicles we would advise them to write for a copy of illustrated catalogue. When writing please mention this magazine.

Catalogue Concrete Machinery Free.

The London Concrete Machinery Co., Ltd., London, Ontario, has just issued a splendid catalogue, nicely illustrated, that contains a fund of information for those in any way interested in concrete and the uses to which it is put. This firm is in a position to furnish modern concrete machinery at a moderate cost. Those living at a distance can secure free a copy of their new catalogue and place orders by mail for any kind of concrete machinery. If any of our readers are interested just write this firm, and mention the Western Home Monthly and a copy of their handsome illustrated catalogue will be mailed you at once.

Be Progressive.

It doesn't pay me to farm any more. I have to work so hard to get what little results I do that I feel like giving it up, unless I can find an easier way. Do you know of any?—DISCOURAGED.

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IN THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Sportsmen's Needs.

As spring approaches, the devotees of every outdoor game are making preparations for the coming season and are anxiously looking forward to the time when they can again indulge in their favorite pastime. We recently called upon the well known firm of outfitters, The Hingston Smith Arms Co., and found a number of their staff busily engaged in unpacking and checking off huge cases of summer sporting goods which they had just received from the factories. There were the requisites for baseball, cricket, lawn tennis, football, lacrosse, golf, and in fact every outdoor game played in this country. While in conversation with the manager he informed us that they had

been compelled to greatly increase their facilities for the manufacture of athletic uniforms, which is becoming one of the chief departments of their business. Here are made uniforms for baseball, lacrosse and football, as well as clothing for track athletes. We were showed baseball uniforms for the coming season and judging from their excellent finish and the fine quality of materials from which they were made, it is safe to predict that a busy season is ahead of this department.

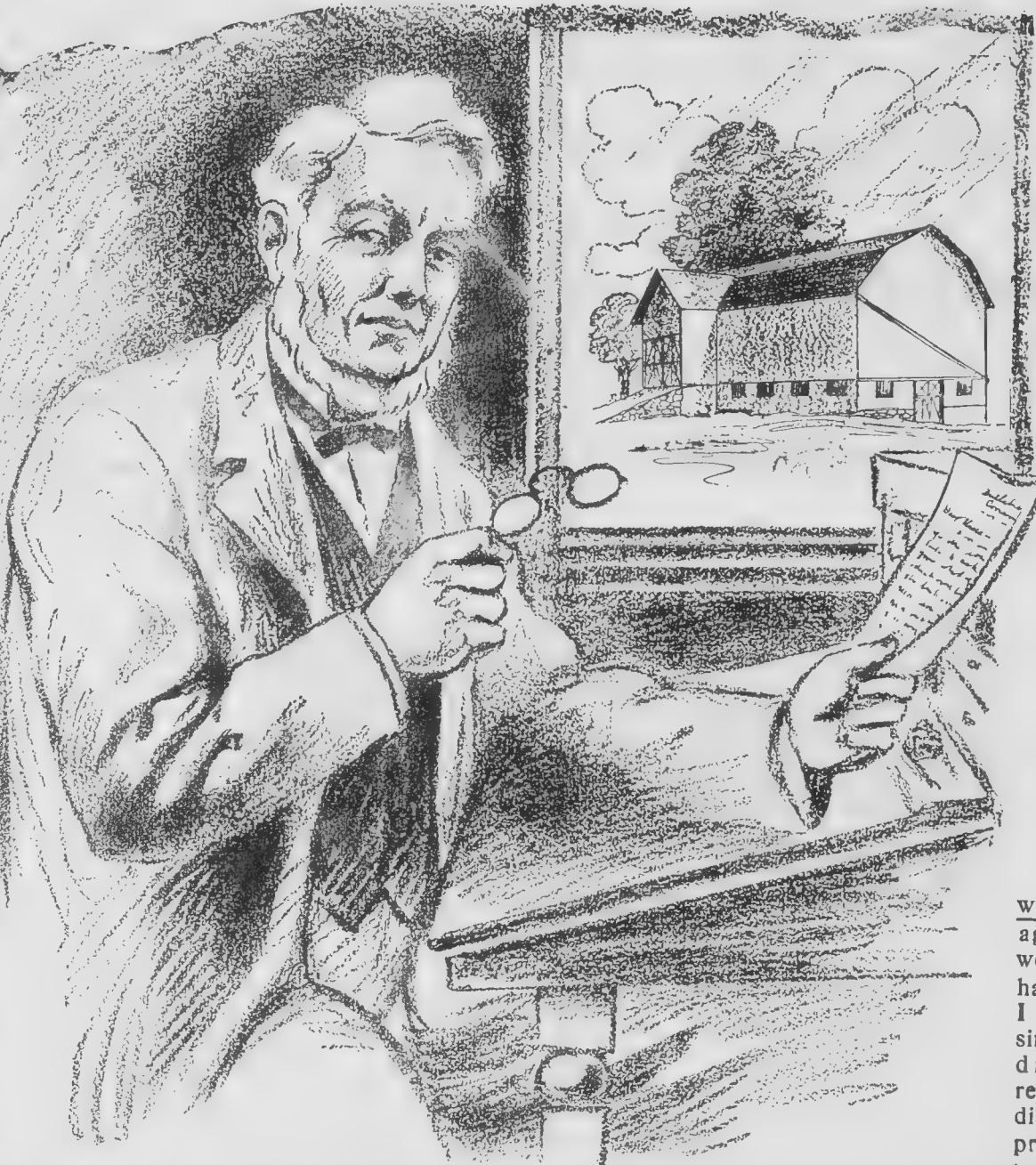
The company has prepared a price list and book of samples from which their baseball uniforms are made and this they will mail on request to interested parties. Write Hingston Smith Arms Co., Winnipeg, and mention the Western Home Monthly.

Sheep for Mutton.

The following pointed observations of Professor Curtis, Iowa, on raising sheep for mutton show what constitutes a good mutton sheep. First let there be pronounced masculinity in the male and femininity in the female. Sheep should be neither sexless nor characterless. They should bear the stamp and character of the breed they represent. This breed character is a mark of good blood, and it should be manifest in no unmistakable manner. The sire should be distinctly the head of the flock in every sense of the word. To meet these requirements he must have good constitutional and vital powers. Without these no animal is fit to head a herd or flock. In selecting a sire look first at the head. If deficient there, look no further, but reject at once. Insist on a head that faces you boldly, with a wide face, a clear prominent eye, and a

The Philosopher

of Metal Town



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"I have been chairman of many building committees—church, school, library, et cetera, and I always find the metallic man has been my most useful assistant. Outside or inside, front or back, ceiling or sides, I find they all need the metallic man's aid.

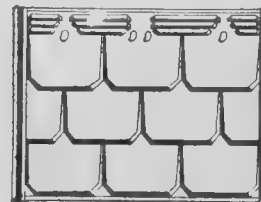
"I will tell you more about our 'metal town' when we're better acquainted. I can quote some comparative figures

which will interest you. To-day I'm emphasizing shingles.

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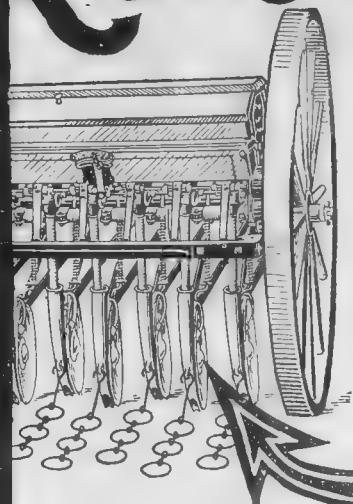
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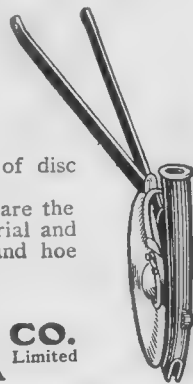
Further, the Grass Seed Index is plainly marked for different kinds of grass seed—a convenience absent on other makes of disc drills.

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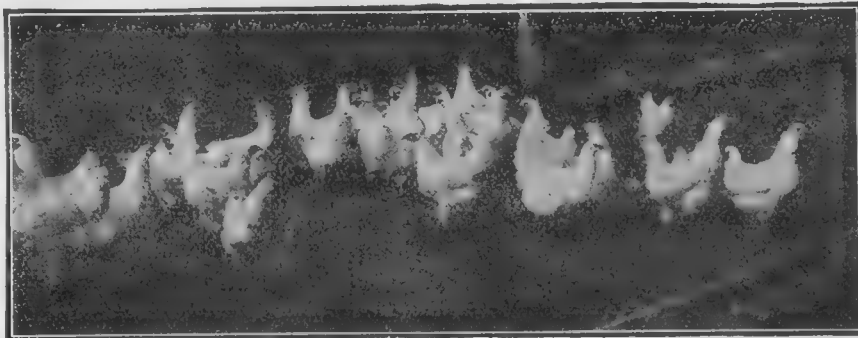
LARGEST POULTRY PLANT IN CANADA.

That the poultry industry of Canada is growing in proportions that are not realized by farmers in general, is proven by the following figures compiled by Prof. F. C. Elford, of Macdonald College.

The Canadian year book shows a total increase of poultry during the 10 years 1891-1901 to have been a little over 3,800,000 head. Taking the same percentage of yearly increase to have continued to the present and Canada has today 22 million head of poultry. Granting that 2-3 of these are laying hens and we have about 14,700,000 producing eggs. According to the same authority each hen in 1901 laid seven dozen eggs and the total sale of eggs gave a gross annual revenue to the country of nearly 50 million dollars.

If the Canadian hen laid the same average in 1908 that she laid in 1901 there would be for this year about 103 million dozen eggs which at 25 cents would mean a gross revenue of 25½ million dollars.

But a good honest hen should lay more than 7 dozen eggs in 12 months. No class of farm stock will respond so readily to good treatment. Providing she get this care and that one dozen more eggs per hen is the result the increased revenue from the extra dozen eggs would amount to 3½ million dollars. Give the hen yet a little more selection and care so that



the average yield would be 10 dozen or equal to the Macdonald College hen last year, which was by no means large, and the increased revenue would be 11 million dollars or a gross income from the poultry yards of Canada of 36½ million dollars.

A company that has had much to do with this great increase, that is helping the poultry industry by example, instruction, organization and general development of table-poultry production and marketing, is the Poultry Yards of Canada, Limited, in the thriving town of Pembroke, Ontario.

The objects of this organization are:

1. The breeding and distributing of high-class poultry of the general-pur-

pose breeds. 2. Dealing in live and dead poultry, eggs and poultry products (this includes an extensive business in the buying and crating of market fowl.) 3. They are also chartered to manufacture and handle poultry supplies, and engage in general warehousing and cold storage.

The principal object of engaging in the breeding business is to develop the poultry industry by disseminating the right kind of breeding stock, to the end that by improving the stock they will make it possible to purchase in large quantities the right kind of table-poultry. The farm has capacity for 25,000 birds, and has been liberally stocked with choice specimens of the following breeds and varieties: Barred, White and Buff

Plymouth Rocks; Silver-laced, Golden, White and Buff Wyandottes; Buff, Single-comb, Brown and Rose-comb White Leghorns; Rhode Island Reds, and Buff Orpingtons.

It was after careful tests of all the leading incubators, and the desire to produce an incubator that was adapted to Canadian climatic conditions that the experts connected with the Poultry Yards of Canada produced the incubator which is now used on this plant. After many tests of this incubator under all kinds of conditions in all parts of Canada a company was formed to place it on the market.

Mr. Thomas W. Lee, managing director of the poultry company was made managing director of the company to manufacture the incubator. The company is known as the Lee Manufacturing Co., Limited, and the incubator is the "Peerless."

Now, the Lee Manufacturing Co. have joined with the Poultry Yards of Canada in encouraging and helping the farmers of Canada to raise more and better poultry. As a means of accomplishing this object they have formed the Peerless Poultry-for-profit Club. Every user of a Peerless Incubator is a member of this club and entitled to the advice, instruction and help of the experts of the company without charge. These experts are thoroughly equipped to solve any



A View on the Farm of the Poultry Yards of Canada, Limited. Home of the Peerless Poultry-for-Profit Club. The plant covers 12 acres; is situated near Pembroke, Ont.

problem that is submitted, and to put those interested on the right track to make a real success of poultry-raising.

The company have published a book called "When Poultry Pays," which contains a large amount of poultry information, and explaining the way to go into poultry-raising without much capital. The company has kindly consented to send to each reader of "The Western Home Monthly" a free copy of this book, provided a request is sent before the present edition is exhausted.

The Old Log Cabin.

Forget not the days when our fathers were ringing
Their chorus of axes, through woods rich and rare;
Remember the cabins where mothers were singing,
With hope in their hearts, and their hands full of care.

Like incense, the voices of glad sons and daughters
Arose with the smoke, from the clearing to Him,
Whose Garden of Maples, beside the sweet waters,
He gave us, and blessed our rich cup to the brim.
The dearest of homes was the cot in the wildwood;
No palace nor castle in England or France
Could ever compare with the shanty of childhood—
Now its shadow recedes like an exquisite trance.

At "bees," or at "corners," they met their good neighbors;
They talked of old lands with a trembling voice;
And they gallantly shared with their oxen the labors,
Of hewing out homes in this land of their choice.

A shot from the door brought a buck to the table,
A spear thrust in water tossed "lunge" to the fire,
Wild pigeons in millions o'erhead were no fable,
And Nimrods found here all their hearts could desire.

Say, Memory, where are thy johnny-cakes' riches?
Give back the molasses our maples distilled;
With pancakes of buckwheat, and such divine dishes,
That kings to obtain them, log houses would build.

What tongue has the power to tell of their sorrows?
What pen has recorded the lives gone before?
Their bitter to-days and the mocking to-morrows?
And joys in that sacred log cottage of yore?

The noble old stock in their graves now lie thicker,
And children forget where their grandparents lie;
The forest and cabins fade farther and quicker—
Oh, let not their virtues in use ever die.

Young Canada sports his white cuffs and high collars,
But grandmothers spun all his father had worn;
Remember, you boys, set with diamonds and dollars,
That in dear old log cabin our nation was born.

O, forest-bred children, wild Nature's caresses
Gave you the hard bone, and the brawn, and the brain,
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The Tonic of Baldness.

A crystalline body which he calls trichotoxin is regarded by Dr. Delos S. Parker as an active agent in producing baldness. It is carried in the blood, being chiefly produced in the lungs, and it can be detected in the exhaled air. The fact that females—who breathe more fully—are less affected with baldness than males is cited as evidence supporting the theory. It is concluded that persons who are losing their hair should practice breathing exercises, and the investigation seems to have shown further that ordinary turpentine is superior to the usual remedies as a local application.

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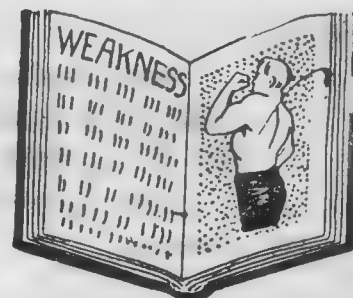
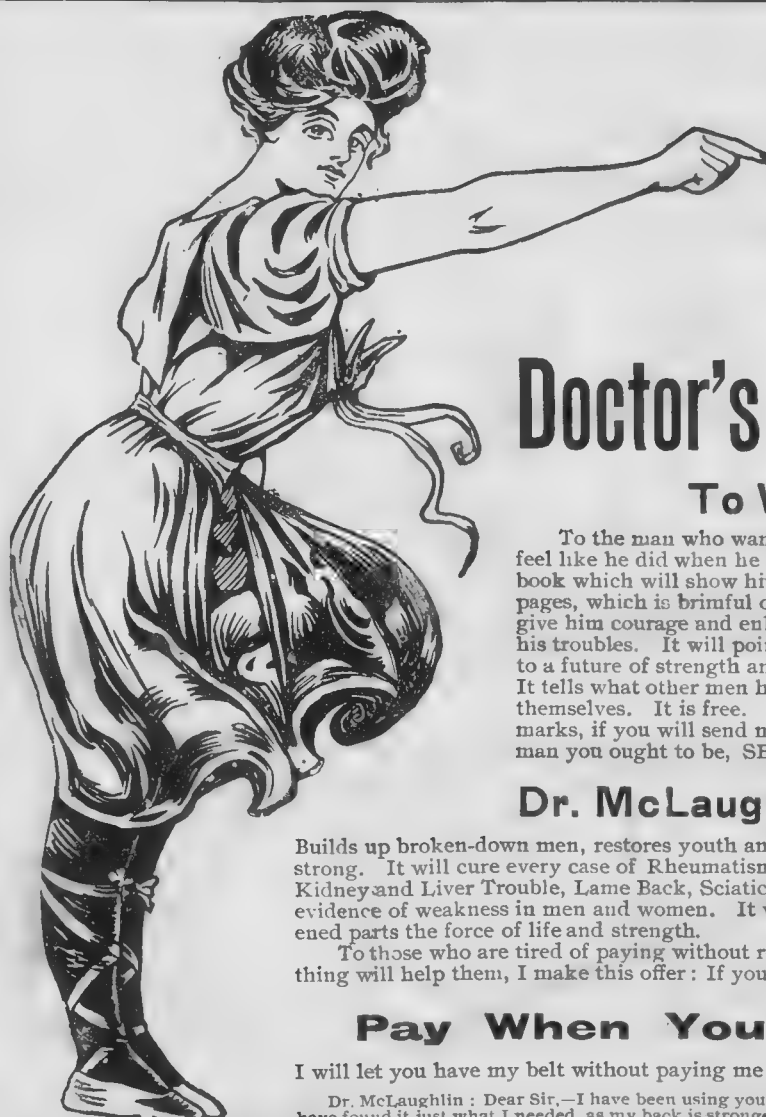
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Of twinkling stars that shine at night;
The joy of winged things upon their
flight;
The joy of noonday, and the tired
True joyousness of eventide;
The joy of labor and of mirth—
The joy of air and sea and earth—
The countless joys that ever flow from
Him
Whose vast beneficence doth dim
The lustrous light of day
And lavish gifts divine upon our way.

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I'll put it off until tomorrow,
And when tomorrow comes, why then
'Twill be today, and joy again.

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With the coming of Spring, the busy
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The long sleep of winter is over for
the bees, and the first genial day of the
month begins to make them active.

This is usually the time to remove
colonies from the cellar—say the last
of the month of April—but great cau-
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great loss of brood will follow.

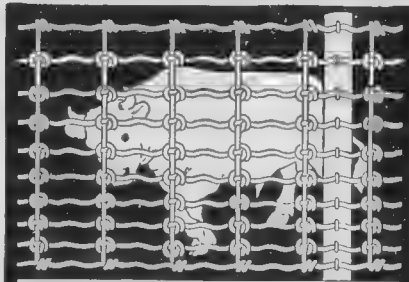
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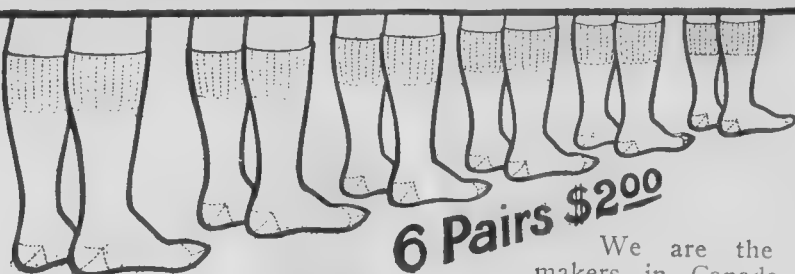
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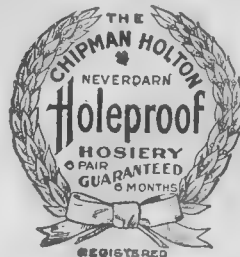
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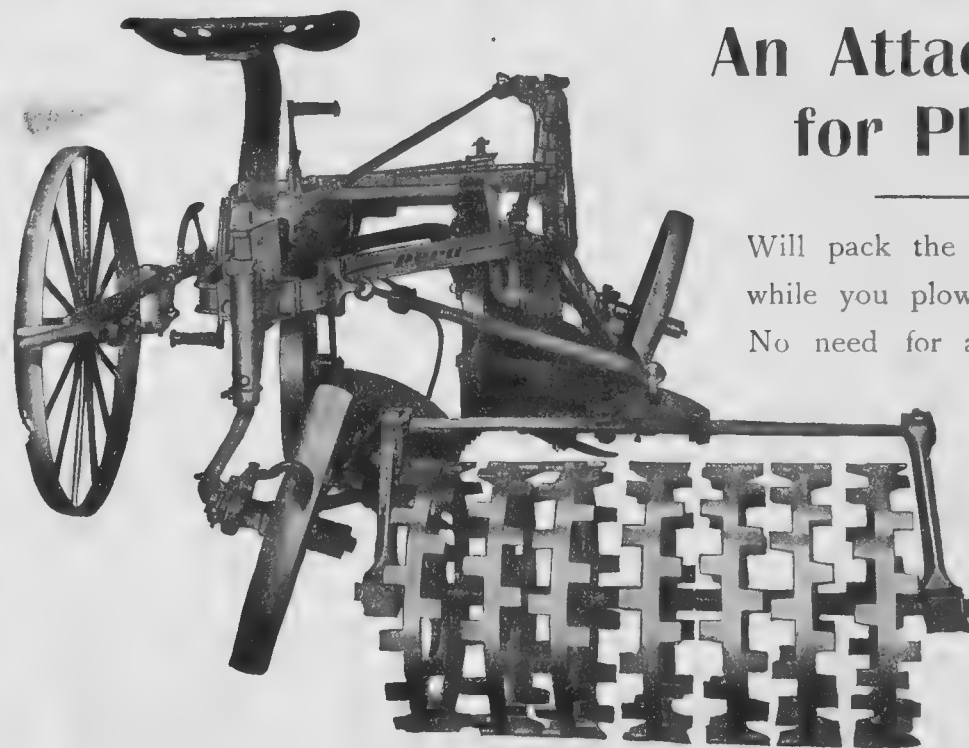
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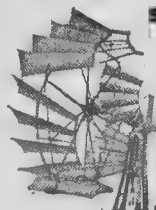
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DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

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ANNOUNCEMENT—

Those of our women readers who read the auto-sketch of Miss Merwin given in the form of an interview in our February issue will be glad to learn that we have made arrangements with her whereby she will favor us with special articles from time to time on Domestic Economy with particular relation to the home seamstress.

Miss Merwin is an associate editor for McCall's Magazine, and is a regular contributor for a number of the leading women's fashion magazines of the States—Editor.

Perhaps the chief and most immediate result of my investigation into the general subject of woman's education as it is today has been to establish in my mind the confirmed conviction that we are drifting rather too far away from the puritanic standards of our forefathers by emphasizing the ideal to the sacrifice of the practical.

Which shall predominate in woman's education, the culture studies or the practical? This is a question much discussed and one worthy the most earnest thought of every woman. Much may be said in favor of each without necessarily detracting from the value of the other. In a word, the culture studies, those designated as the liberal arts by our colleges and universities—the languages, music, the arts and sciences are, of course, desirable but in this busy work-a-day world of ours, may be classed among the luxuries. The practical, the sometimes so-called bread-and-butter subjects, are absolutely essential and should be a part of every woman's equipment for life.

To be able to play and sing are desirable accomplishments, but no woman's education can be said to be complete with these alone. Two things the every-day woman must know—how to cook and how to sew. I would not be misunderstood as wishing to say one word in disparagement of the higher education for women, indeed I could not consistently do that and at the same time remain loyal to my own ideals. The point I would make is that the essentials should come first. The proverbial adage of "work first, then play" will illustrate my meaning. How often we witness the lamentable embarrassment of the over-educated, under-trained young housewife who is unable to even direct, much less perform the duties of her own household.

Every woman should be competent to be her own judge of her wearing apparel. Indeed, every woman, however well she may be situated now, should be fortified against possible adversity by being able to do her own sewing. If she employ a dressmaker, then a know-

ledge of dressmaking will enable her to know for herself the prevailing styles, colors best adapted to her type, how her clothes should fit, and to direct the making of her gowns. Every woman should know how to make her own dresses. Even though she may not have to do her own sewing. This applies to women in general, the wealthy as well as those in moderate circumstances, and the value of such knowledge is being proven over and over again every day of our lives. If a woman knows how a dress ought to be made, she will know whether or not it has been correctly made after it comes to her from the dressmaker.

Since dressmaking has been classified into a science, the thinking and ambitious woman is no longer content with the knowledge just "picked up." She aspires to the ability to make or direct the making of her own wardrobe. The industrial schools are recognizing this fact and are giving this important subject a prominent place in their departments of Domestic Science.

Although she is one who obviously does not have to do so, it is said that Mrs. Victor Howard Metcalf, wife of the Secretary of the U. S. Navy, can make her own gowns, and she has the reputation of being one of the best dressed women in Washington society. She believes in wide scope for women's work, but thinks the beginning should be in the home. Though one may be ever so favorably environed now, she never knows when she may be thrown upon her resources. The history of society is a continual recital of instances where women are compelled suddenly and unexpectedly to earn their own living.

THE GROWTH OF THE PATTERN IDEA.

Right there is where I got my clue. This weak point in our educational system that educates our girls' heads but neglects their hands challenged my attention as a field well worthy my researches and effort to help strengthen. Moreover I thought I saw that it need not be altogether a labor of love. I had long noticed the growth of the various pattern services which has probably been, so far, the largest factor in helping to meet this condition of comparative—shall I be obliged to say ignorance on the part of the seamstress in the home, than any other one agency. I had also incidentally noticed the immense success attendant upon their work and consequently the rapid increase in the number of concerns engaged in the manufacture of ready-made patterns, from the dear old days of Godey's Lady's Book clear down the line—the Butterick service, the Standard, McCall's, New Idea, Pictorial Review, Paris Modes, Ladies' Home Journal, the Peerless and May Manton, among the popular priced patterns for the general trade. Besides these there are the higher priced patterns manufactured by such publications as Toilettes, Le Bon Ton, Le Costume Royal, L'Art de la Mode and Vogue, for the professional modiste.

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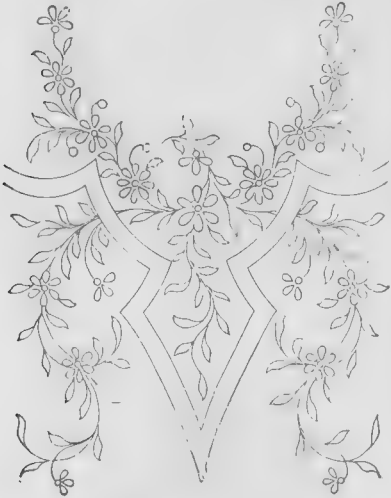
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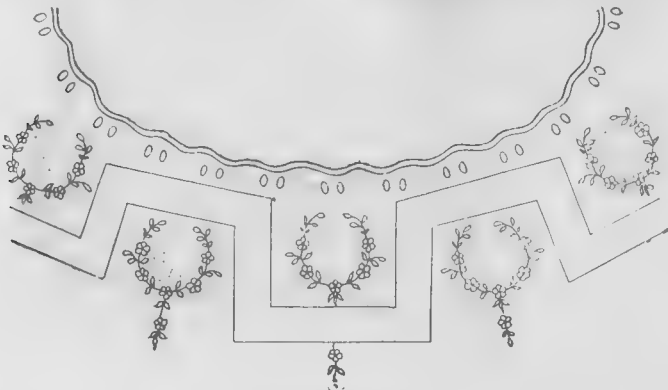
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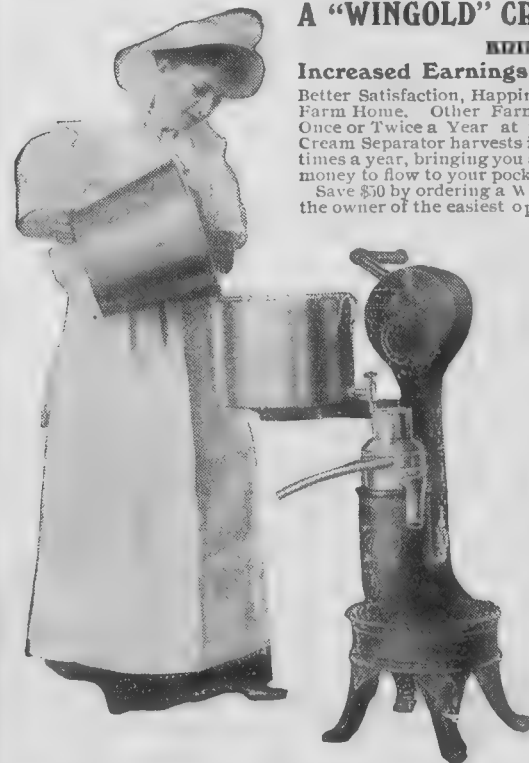
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The street costumes of the spring promise to show a very generous variety. They are, however, generally long of line and give the slender effect that is so familiar. Illustrated are two quite different ones that are typical of the latest styles. The costume to the left is made of heavy ribbed silk with trimming of buttons and chemisette of lace. It combines one of the new coat blouses with a high waisted skirt and is appropriate for every seasonable material. It can be finished as illustrated or with a girdle, concealing the joining of blouse and skirt, as preferred. Also the blouse can be either lined or unlined. The skirt is made in four pieces, that is, with a box plait at the front

the seam at the front and over the hips. For narrow material the seams are a distinct advantage but for wide material, unless of the sort to stretch very easily and readily, the seams over the hips would better be omitted.

For the medium size will be required, for the coat 5 yards of material 27, 3 3/4 yards 44 or 2 1/2 yards 52 inches wide; for the skirt 5 yards 32, 3 3/4 yards 44 or 3 yards 52 inches wide if made with seam at the center front; 4 3/4 yards 44, 4 yards 52 if made without seam at the center front. The coat pattern 6249 is cut in sizes from 34 to 42 inches bust measure; the skirt pattern 6226 is cut in sizes from 22 to 32 inches waist measure.



Fashionable Street Costumes.

First Costume—Coat blouse pattern 6246; skirt pattern 6204. Second Costume—Coat pattern 6249; skirt 6226.

A Pretty Girlish Frock.

Such frocks as this one will be extensively worn throughout the spring and summer and are so charmingly girlish that they cannot fail to win approval. In the case of the model pongee is trimmed with banding and combined with lace chemisette, but the gown would be appropriate for any pretty seasonable material, the washable ones as well as those of silk and wool. The blouse can be made with or without lining, with short or normal waist line, and the skirt is straight, finished only with hem and tucks at the lower edge. In this case the skirt is cut slightly above the waist line and the semi-Empire effect is given but the belt can be used if preferred and the waist finished at the normal line. Also there is a choice of tucked or plain sleeves.

For the sixteen year size will be required 4 1/2 yards of material 24, 2 1/2 yards 32 inches wide, with 1/2 yard 18 inches wide for the chemisette, 2 1/2

and back and with circular sides, and both it and the coat blouse are closed at the left of the front.

For the medium size will be required, for the coat blouse 2 1/2 yards of material 27 or 2 yards 44 inches wide; for the skirt 7 1/2 yards 27, 4 1/4 yards 44 inches wide. The coat blouse pattern 6246 is cut in sizes from 32 to 40 inches bust measure; the skirt pattern 6204 is cut in sizes from 22 to 32 inches waist measure.

The second costume combines one of the pretty long coats with a plain circular skirt and is made with one of the new striped broadcloths with trimming of satin bands. The coat is cut with seams that extend to the shoulders at the front which give becoming as well as fashionable lines. It can be made either with pointed or straight outline at the lower edge and with or without a collar. The skirt is eminently simple yet allows considerable variation, for it can be made either with inverted plaits or with habit back and with or without

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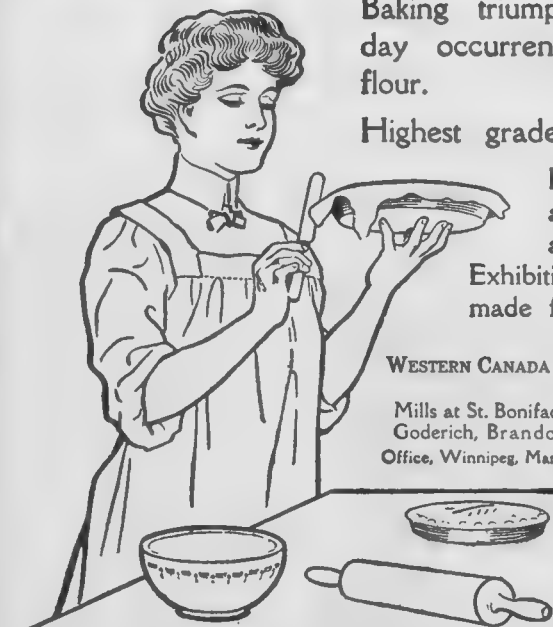
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yards of banding; for the skirt 7½ yards 24, 6 yards 32 or 4½ yards 44 inches wide.

The blouse pattern 6247 and the skirt pattern 6248 are both cut in sizes for girls of 14 and 16 years of age.



Two patterns: Blouse 6247; skirt 6248.

A Sturdy Suit of Linen.

Linen makes one of the most durable as well as the most fashionable materials for small boys' suits and the natural color trimmed with cadet blue as illustrated is serviceable in the extreme while it is also exceedingly attractive. Galatea and khaki also are good materials for playtime, however, and for the still thinner suits gingham,



DESIGN BY MAY MANTON.
6280 Boy's Suit.)

hams, chambrays, cotton chevots and materials of the sort all are appropriate, while for immediate wear light weight serge or wool cheviot would be most satisfactory made after the same model. The simple blouse is closed well to the right shoulder, in Russian style, and the knickerbockers are full enough for comfort at the same time that they are shapely. For warm weather dressy wear white linen either with bands of the same or of color is much liked and always is handsome, and for the simpler suits of white there are linen finished cotton fabrics that are in great favor and both smart and durable.

For the ten year size will be required 5¼ yards of material 24, 4 yards 32 or 3¾ yards 44 inches wide with ¾ yard any width for the banding and collar. A May Manton pattern No. 6280, sizes 6 to 12 years, will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper on receipt of 10 cents.

A Graceful Gown for Early Spring.

Early spring will see a great many gowns made after the manner of this one, both with and without coats to match. With coats they become available both for street and indoor wear and costumes of the sort will have great vogue. The design also is quite appropriate for cashmere and the lighter, thinner materials that are utilized



Two patterns: Blouse with garniture, 6256; skirt 6089.

for the house only. The skirt can be made in the semi-princesse style or with a belt as liked, also it allows a choice of round or walking length. The pretty bodice garniture makes one of the newest features of fashion, and in this case it is made of the material combined with embroidered filet and is worn over a guimpe of thinner lace. One material could be used for both portions of the garniture, however, the outer one being trimmed in some effective way, and such combinations as cloth and satin, silk and velvet would be found effective.

For the medium size will be required, for the guimpe 1½ yards of material 36 inches wide with 2¾ yards of all-over material for the facing and sleeves; for the under portion of the garniture 1 yard 32, ¾ yard 44 inches wide and the over portion ¾ yard 27, ¾ yard 44 or 52 inches wide; for the skirt 12 yards 24, 10½ yards 32 or 5 yards 44 inches wide if material has up and down; 9½ yards 24, 7½ yards 32,

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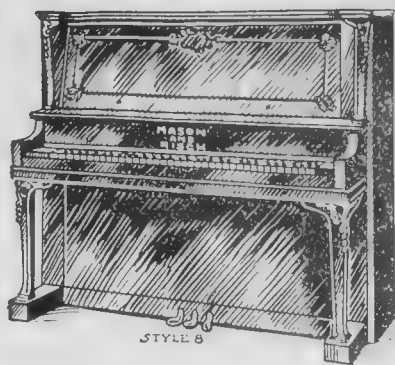
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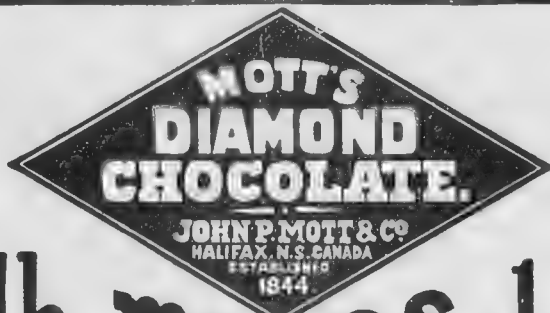
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For Active Little Folk.

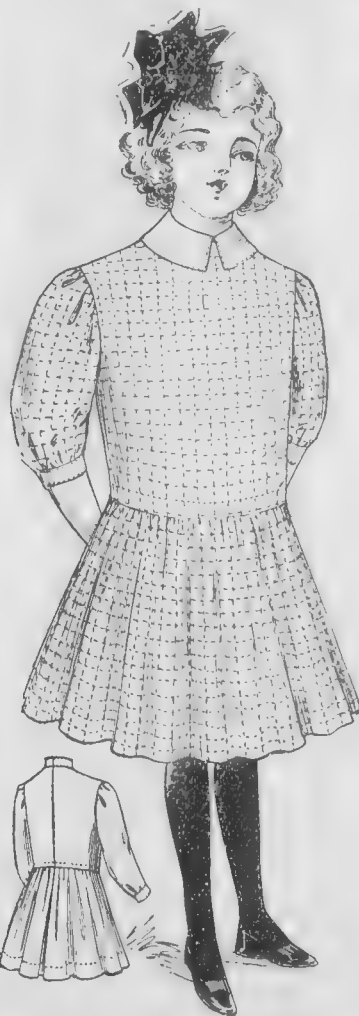
There is no garment that the active child needs more than this one. It can be slipped on over the frock or it can be worn in place of one, and whichever method is chosen it leaves the child



DESIGN BY MAY MANTON.

6273 Child's Rompers or Coverall.

free to romp and be happy to his heart's content and it saves the mother many anxious moments. Checked gingham, with bands and belt of plain make the rompers illustrated but any one of the sturdy washable fabrics is appropriate. The inexpensive printed fabrics are many, gingham is always good for the purpose and for the very hardest usage khaki cloth and galatea suggest themselves. The rompers can be made either with a high or a square neck and



6276 Girl's Plain Dress, 6 to 12 years.

with long or short sleeves and are very becoming little garments in addition to their practical value. The front and leg portions are cut in one, but the backs of the body portion are separate and the leg portions are buttoned into place beneath the belt.

For the six year size will be required 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of material 24 or 27 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards 36 inches wide. A May Manton pattern, No. 6273, sizes 2 to 8 years, will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper on receipt of ten cents.

A Simple Gown In Shirt Waist Style.

However many more elaborate gowns the wardrobe may include, a certain number made in such simple style as this one are really essential to comfort. Cashmere is a favorite material, light weight serge is much used and a little later linen and other washable fabrics will be in demand so treated, and gowns of the sort made from linen and the like together with coats to match will make a feature of the summer season. Again, if liked the skirt can be utilized for a heavier material and the waist for a thinner, so that the model becomes available in a great many dif-



Two patterns: Waist 6230; skirt 6169.

ferent ways. The waist is one of the simple plain ones but allows a choice of regulation sleeves or the new ones that are cut in one piece and with points that extend over the hands. The skirt is circular with a gored front and can be made either in round or walking length.

For the medium size will be required, for the waist 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of material 24, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards 32 or 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards 44 inches wide; for the skirt 7 yards 24 or 32, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards 44 inches wide.

The waist pattern 6230 is cut in sizes from 32 to 46 inches bust measure; the skirt pattern 6169 is cut in sizes from 22 to 32 inches waist measure.

Girl's Plain Dress, 6276.

6276 Girl's Plain Dress, 6 to 12 years. To be Made with Rolled Over or Stand-up Collar, Three-Quarter or Long Sleeves.

The simple little frock made on such lines as these is always a practical and serviceable one. It is adapted both to washable materials and to wool fabrics, and, as this can be done with either three-quarter or long sleeves, it becomes adapted to all the seasons of the year. The plain straight skirt is simply gathered at its upper edge and the smooth fitting body portion can be left

plain or trimmed to suit the fancy or can be made from plain material and embroidered by hand. In the illustration one of the pretty inexpensive printed wash fabrics is trimmed with collar and cuffs of plain, but never have gingham and chambrays, percales and linens been lovelier or more varied than at the present time and each and every one is suited to this dress.

The dress is made with body portion and skirt. The body portion is fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams. The skirt consists of one straight piece. The two are joined and closed at the back. Whether the standing or rolled-over collar is chosen, it is joined to the neck edge and whatever the length of the sleeves they are gathered into straight bands.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (10 years) is 4¾ yards 24, 3½ yards 32 or 2½ yards 44 inches wide with ¾ yard 27 for collar and bands.

The pattern 6276 is cut in sizes for girls of 6, 8 10 and 12 years of age and will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department of this paper on receipt of 10 cents.

A Simple Frock of Pique.

Soft finished pique, both white and colored with scalloped edges makes a favorite material for little girls' dresses and it is so pretty and so childish that it cannot be too highly recommended. This model suits the material perfectly well and as illustrated is made of pale pink with the embroidery in white thread and the shield of white, but the dress is a simple one that can be utilized for almost all seasonable materials. Linen never was more beautiful nor more varied, chambrays are lovely in the extreme and there are a whole host of inexpensive, simple wash fabrics that are appropriate, while for the remaining weeks of cold weather, cashmere or light weight serge or any similar wool material will be found satisfactory. If the scalloped edge is not liked, or is thought to involve too great labor, straight bands either of contrasting material or of braid or some pretty trimming can be substituted. Among wool materials plaids are having great vogue and shepherd's check with

stitched bands of bright red or one of the new blues would be pretty, childish and durable.



DESIGN BY MAY MANTON.

6282 Girl's Box Plaited Dress.

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So neatly that none can tell
Where are the seams, and joinings—
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Is kept out of sight by the magic
Of many a mother and wife!

And oft, when I'm ready to murmur
That time is flitting away,
With the selfsame round of duties
Filling each busy day,
It comes to my spirit sweetly,
With the grace of a thought divine:
You are living, toiling for love's sake,
And the loving should never repine.

You are guiding the little footsteps
In the way they ought to walk,
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She never threw the doors of her heart wide open to people, or took them into her confidence.

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Work for Busy Fingers.

Vase-Mat with Pansy Border.

For the center of the mat use white silk-finished cotton. In addition will be needed a spool each of shaded yellow and white, purple and white, pink and white, and green and white; or, if preferred, only the first two named may be used.

For the center, ch 6, join.

First Row—Ch 3 for 1st tc, 23 more tc in the ring, join to top of 3 ch.

Second Row—Ch 3, tc in same place, * ch 3, miss 2 tc, 2 tc in next st, repeat from * 6 times, making 8 groups of 2 tc with 3 ch between, in all; ch 3, and join to top of 3 ch.

Third Row—Ch 3, tc in same place and 2 tc in next tc, * ch 3, 2 tc in each of next 2 tc; repeat from * 6 times, ch 3, join to top of 3 ch.

Fourth Row—Ch 3, tc in same plain, 1 tc in each of 2 tc and 2 tc in next, * ch 3, 2 tc in 1st tc, 1 in each of 2 tc and 2 in last, repeat from * 6 times, ch 3, join.

Fifth Row—Same as last row, only making 7 tc over 5 tc by putting 2 tc in 1st and last and tc in tc between.

Sixth Row—Same as last row, only putting 9 tc over 7 tc, as directed.

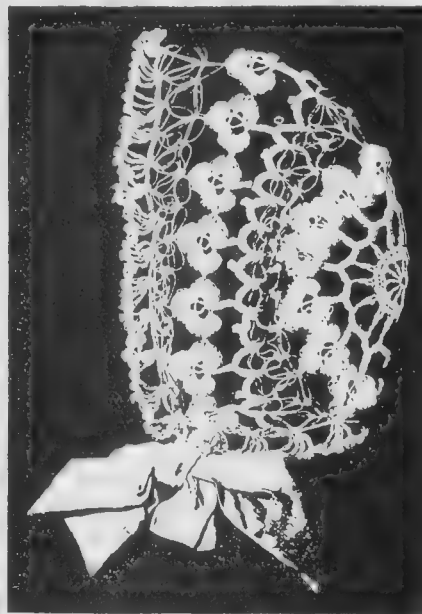
Seventh Row—* A dc in 2d tc, miss 2, 7 tc in next, miss 2, dc in next, 7 tc under 3 ch; repeat from * around.

This completes the center. The pansies are made separately and sewed around it in regular order, each slightly overlapping the one preceding it. Make the pansy as follows:

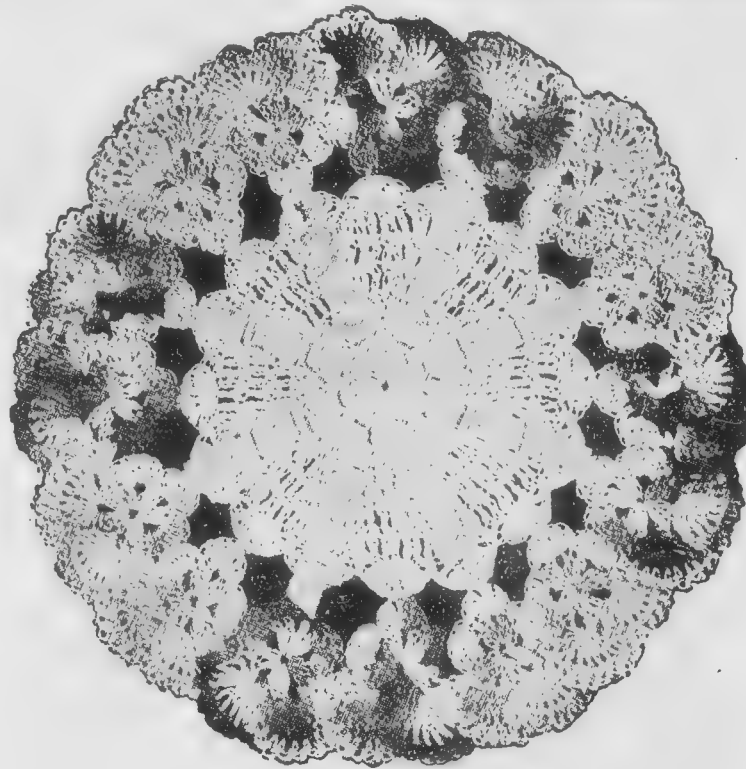
2, tc in ring, repeat from * 9 times, ch 2, join to 4th of 6 ch.

Second Row—Make 4 dc in each of 12 spaces.

Third Row—A dc in each dc of last row.



Child's Bonnet, Cloveleaf Design.



Vase-Mat with Pansy Border.

Ch 5, join in a ring.

First Row—Ch 3 for a tc, 2 more tc in ring, * ch 2, 3 tc in ring, repeat from * 3 times, ch 2 and join to top of 3 ch. This gives you 5 groups of 3 tc each, with 2 ch between, and forms center of pansy.

Second Row—Dc in 2d of 3 tc, * 7 tc under 2 ch, dc in 2d of next 3 tc, repeat from * twice, thus forming the 3 lower petals, then * 13 dte under next 2 ch, dc in 2d of 3 tc, repeat from last *, and fasten neatly in 1st dc; turn.

Third Row—Ch 4, fasten between 1st and 2d dte, * ch 3, fasten between next 2 dte, continue from * across the 2 upper petals and fasten off neatly.

Make as many of the pansies as desired, and join one to each scallop of the center. If desired they may be joined as you make them, by catching in the scallop. Then catch the pansies together as they lie in place. The upper petals will be quite full, so that they overlap. Run ribbon in spaces of center, crossing under the wheel formed by 1st row. Such a mat will make a lovely Christmas gift, since pansies are proverbially "for thoughts."

Child's Bonnet, Cloverleaf Design.

Materials required are 2 spools crocheted silk or silk-finished cotton. Ch 6, to form a ring, join.

First Row—Ch 6, a tc in ring, * ch

Fourth Row—Ch 3, a tc in next st, ch 7, * thread over twice, miss 1 st, hook in next, draw through, then take up and draw through 2 sts on hook, thread over once, hook in next st, work off all sts 2 at a time, ch 5, repeat from * 14 times, ch 5, join to 2d st of 7 ch.

Fifth Row—* make 4 dc in space, ch 12, turn, leave 6 sts for stem and fasten in 7th with sc, making a loop; turn, make 3 loops around this as follows: Ch 4 sc in loop, repeat, ch 5, fasten with sc in loop at base; turn, in 1st loop work 1 sc, 11 tc, 1 sc 2d and 3d loops the same, then make 8 dc in the 6 ch for stem; make 4 more dc in same space, and repeat from * 15 times, joining 6th st of 1st loop in each cloveleaf to 6th st of 3d loop in preceding leaf. Break and fasten thread.

Sixth Row—Join thread to 6th st of 2d loop of leaf, * make 2 knot sts, sc in 6th st of 2d loop in next leaf; repeat from *, leaving 3 leaves at back, turn.

Seventh Row—Make 2 knot sts, fasten in knot; repeat across, turn.

Eighth Row—Make 1 knot st, fasten in knot; repeat across, turn.

Ninth Row—Ch 8, fasten in knot; repeat across, turn.

Tenth Row—Make 6 dc under 8 ch, ch 4, sc in last dc for a picot, 6 dc in same space, 6 dc in next space, ch 12, and form a cloveleaf as directed in 5th row, working back along the stem, then 6 dc in same space; repeat across, making 13 cloveleaves in all.

Eleventh Row—Make 2 knot sts, sc in

6th st of 3d loop of last leaf made (after filling last space), 2 knot sts, sc in 6th st of 2d loop of same leaf, * 2 knot sts, sc in 6th st of 2d loop of next leaf, repeat from * across, 2 knot sts, sc in 1st picot of last row, turn.

Twelfth Row—Like 7th row.

Thirteenth Row—Like 5th row.

Fourteenth Row—Ch 6, fasten in knot; repeat across front and continue around neck, fastening with sc in picot, knot and in tips of leaves, at even distances, so as to make a smooth ch.

Fifteenth Row—Shells of 4 dc, each with picot of 3 ch between, in every fastening of last row, with picot 1 between shells.

This little bonnet may be lined with cream or white silk, for summer wear, or with any delicate color of silk to match the work; for winter, a lining of quilted silk or fine French flannel may be substituted. Make the lining to fit, and tack the lace covering over it.

Editor's Note.—Knot-stitch is as follows: Draw out the stitch on needle $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, take up the thread and draw through, then put the hook under the thread you have just drawn through, between it and the original stitch, take up the thread and draw through, then take up again and draw through 2 stitches; make 1 chain, and repeat. In fastening either the single or double method may be used. For the 1st, make a double in the knot of

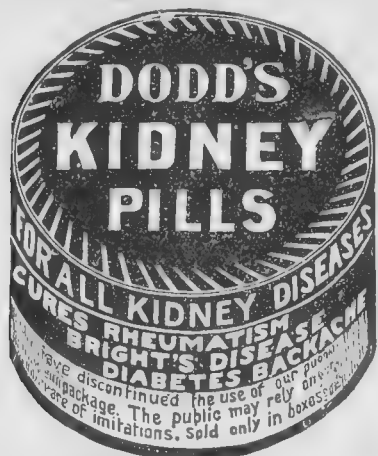
last row, between the 2 loops; for double, make a double—or dc—under 2 threads of the stitch close to the knot, and another dc on other side of knot, close to it.

Centerpiece With Crocheted Border.

Those who wish to provide some especially attractive gift for the holidays or for some friend who is about to become a housekeeper, will make no mistake in choosing a set of table-dolies, varying in size, with crocheted borders. The centers are made of satin damask, in some simple design like the bird's-eye, snow-flake, etc., remnants of which may be picked up at a low price during "sales" at the large house-outfitting establishments. Do not, I beg, elevate your nose at mention of crocheted borders, for they are considered "quite the thing," and are being sold at stores catering to the best carriage trade at fancy prices. Of course, they are made by experts with the crochet-needle, each stitch being evenly and carefully set; but they may be home-made for "next to nothing" and furnish most appropriate gifts. They are durable and launder perfectly, especially if a rather simple design is chosen, and may be worked directly on the mat of damask or on a chain of requisite length, joined, after which the border is sewed to the center.

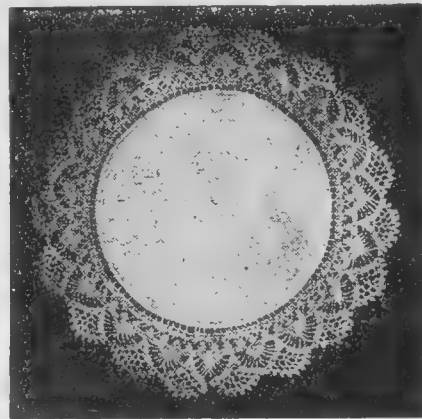
Make first the center by striking a circle of desired size. Cut outside the line, allowing for a narrow or rolled hem. It is a pretty idea to work a row of brier-stitch just inside the hem, using coarse linen floss.

Either buttonhole the edge closely, if intending to work on the linen, or make



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Centerpiece with Crocheted Border.

a row of dc all around. I have found it a splendid plan to stitch the edge with a coarse needle, on the machine, having it unthreaded. This makes tiny perforations for setting the stitches in, and it is easier to keep them even.

First Row—Ch 5, skip 1, tc in next, * ch 2, skip 1, tc in next, repeat from * around and join to the 3d st of 5 ch.

Second Row—Ch 3, tc in each st all around, join to top of 3 ch.

Third Row—Make 5 dc in 5 tc, ch 5, miss 2 tc, repeat.

Fourth Row—A dc in 3d of 5 dc, ch 4, 4 tc under 5 ch, ch 4; repeat.

Fifth Row—Make 4 dc in 4 tc, ch 3; repeat.

Sixth Row—Like 2d row.

Seventh Row—Make 11 dc in 11 tc, ch 6, miss 5, 4 tc in next st, ch 6; repeat.

Eighth Row—Make 9 dc over 11 dc, skipping 1st and last, then ch 6, 2 tc in 1st of 4 tc, 1 in 2d, ch 2, tc in same st, with last and 2 in next tc, ch 6; repeat.

Ninth Row—Make 7 dc over 9 dc, ch 6, 3 tc in 3 tc, ch 3, 3 tc in 3 tc, ch 6; repeat.

Tenth Row—Make 5 dc over 7 dc, always skipping 1st and last, ch 6, 3 tc in 3 tc, ch 3, tc under 3 ch, ch 3, ch 3, tc in same place, ch 3, 3 tc in 3 tc, ch 6; repeat.

Eleventh Row—Make 3 dc over 5 dc, ch 6, 3 tc in 3 tc, ch 3, tc under 3 ch, ch 3, 2 tc with 3 ch between under next 3 ch, ch 3, tc under next, ch 3, 3 tc in 3 tc, ch 6; repeat.

Twelfth Row—A dc in 2d of 3 dc, ch 6, 3 tc in 3 tc, ch 3, tc under next 3 ch, do this twice, ch 3, 2 tc with 3 ch between under next 3 ch, ch 3, tc under next, do this twice, ch 3, 3 tc in 3 tc, ch 6; repeat.

Thirteenth Row—Starting from 1st of 3 tc, ch 7, fasten back in 5th st from hook to form a picot, ch 2, dc in 5d tc, * ch 7, fasten back in 5th, ch 2, dc in next tc, do this 7 times, make another picot and fasten in 3d tc, then a picot and fasten in 1st tc of next scallop; repeat around. Mats or dolies may be of any desired size.

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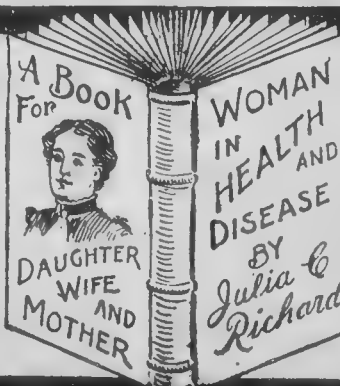
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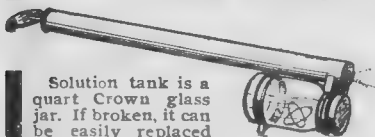
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Round the Evening Lamp.

No. 1.—EASY BEHEADINGS.

1. Behead an English river, and leave metallic portions of the harness of a horse.
2. Behead closely, and leave in good season.
3. Behead by word of mouth, and leave to pluck up courage.
4. Behead an actor, and leave one of several thicknesses of material.
5. Behead to subdue, and leave to bring forth.
6. Behead to fall back, and leave to pass away.

No. 2.—PROBLEM.

A man sold two horses for \$493.68. He lost 10 per cent. on one and made 12 per cent. on the other, but cleared 2 per cent. on the whole transaction. What did he get for each horse?

No. 3.—PICTURE PUZZLE.



The names of two distinguished Americans are to be found in this picture of a glove store. Who are they?

No. 4.—CONNECTED DIAMONDS.



Upper Left: 1. A vowel. 2. To provoke. 3. The small white heron. 4. To adorn. 5. A consonant.

Upper Right: 1. A consonant. 2. To blunder. 3. To discourse. 4. A fish. 5. A consonant.

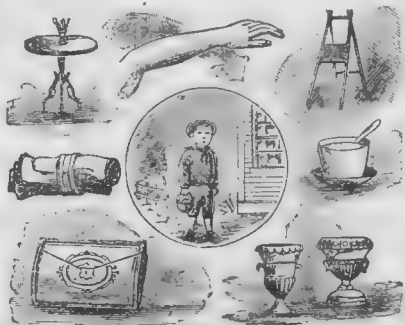
Lower Left: 1. A consonant. 2. A kind of old pistol. 3. To contaminate. 4. A quadruped of South Africa. 5. A consonant.

Lower Right: 1. A consonant. 2. A grassy plain. 3. To allure. 4. Appropriate. 5. A consonant.

No. 5.—CHARADE.

My first is seen at close of day.
When sombre shadows round us lay;
My second's hailed with great delight
By travelers in a weary plight;
My third is one of Nature's freaks;
When for some stormy fun she seeks;
My whole makes music loud and sweet,
It is not large, but quite petite.

No. 6.—PICTORIAL ACROSTIC.



The initials and finals of the names of the objects surrounding the central picture, if properly disposed, will give the names of two kinds of good things contained in the boy's basket.

No. 7.—RIDDLE.

I am composed of five letters. As I stand, I am a river in Virginia, and a rascal everywhere. Behead me, and I am the source of life and growth all over the world. Behead again, and I sustain life. Again, and I am only a little preposition. Transpose me and I impart knowledge. Transpose my last three, and I am a refreshing beverage. Omit my third, and I am a domestic animal in French, and the delight of a social intercourse in English. Transpose my first four, and I become what may attack your head in your efforts to find me out.

No. 7. Puzzle of Casey's Cow.—As the train goes two bridge lengths, less one foot, while the cow goes half a bridge length, less five feet, and would go three bridge lengths, less three inches, while the cow went half a bridge length, plus four feet, nine inches, we see that the train would go five bridge lengths, less fifteen inches, while the cow went one bridge length, less three inches. So the train goes just five times as fast as the cow, and two bridge lengths less one foot is equal to two and a half bridge lengths, less twenty-five feet. Hence half a bridge length is twenty-four feet and the whole length is forty-eight feet.

No. 8. Hour-Glass Puzzle.—

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Connect
Baton
Berk
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Thackeray

No. 9. Logograph.—Leona, Lena, Nela, Leon, Leo.

No. 10. Word Square.—A P I C E S

P A R A D E
I R O N I C
C A N U T E
E D I T E D
S E C E D E

No. 11. Decapitations.—1. Master, aster. 2. Loaf, oaf. 3. Mash, ash. 4. Reel, eel. 5. Chard, hard.

No. 12. Ladder.—I

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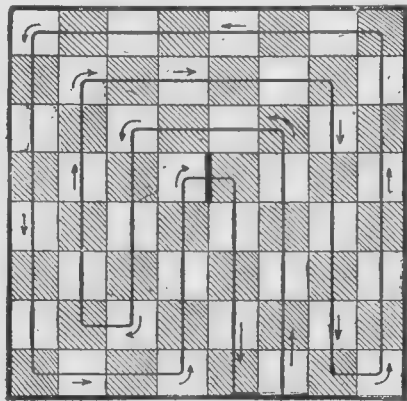
Answers to Puzzles in March Number.

No. 1. Blended Squares.—

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A N T T E A
L E O S A P

No. 2. Geographical Syncopations.—1. Ellicott, Elliott. 2. Fryeburg, Fryburg. 3. Johnston, Johnson. 4. Winston. Winton. 5. Washita, Washta. 6. Tampa, Tama.

No. 3. A Puzzle in Military Tactics.—There is but one way to perform the feat in fifteen moves, as shown, although there are a thousand and one routes which call for just one extra turn.



No. 4. The Paying Teller's Problem.—The old gentleman received 5 ones, 50 twos and 19 fives.

No. 5. Illustrated Rebus.—Knot, gross-beak, toucan, diver, bobolink, bittern, crane, kingfisher, kite.

No. 6. Charade.—Scare-crow.

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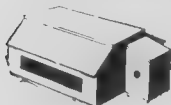
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As I gave the toy a dip; Then to eager lips I pressed it, Blew it, making woodlands ring Till the other boys came flocking To behold that wondrous thing.

Each in turn its music tested, Each in turn declared it fine, That first whistle of the Springtime With its melody divine.

Though the years since then are many And my locks are white with snow, To the woods with eager laddies In the first warm days I go, When the bluebirds fit before us And the happy robins sing From the twigs we gaily fashion The first whistle of the Spring.

—R. Raymond.

The Garden Patch.

Those who do not plant a kitchen garden, even if only a few square feet are possible, miss a great deal of enjoyment that comes to the man who raises a few vegetables for his own table, and also miss that relaxation and exercise that caring for a garden brings. The richer the soil, the better, but almost any plot of ground available will do very satisfactorily. Plow or spade it, then harrow or rake until thoroughly pulverized. Furrow a part of it, making the rows two or three feet apart, and in these rows plant peas, beans, sweet corn, etc. Sow about one pint of peas to the fifty feet, selecting two or three varieties. For cucumbers and summer squash, make small round hills, slightly raised and flat, about six feet apart each way, and putting in plenty of seed. If the size of the garden will permit, sow also beets, carrots, radishes, lettuce and onions. Get a garden drill and sow these in rows about eight inches apart. If you do not raise your cabbage and tomato plants in a hotbed, they can be purchased of a market gardener. Set in rows about three feet apart. Follow all the early vegetables with later plantings so as to extend the period of harvest.

Early Flowers.

The first flowers of spring are the most welcome. Fully ninety per cent. of the shrubs bloom in May or June. In setting out shrubbery, give a little thought to early blooming. Hall's magnolia is one of the very showiest early shrubs, blooming at a height of two feet. A very fragrant blooming bush is the winter honeysuckle, though its flowers are not very showy. Both of these bloom as early as April.

In May we have the popular golden bells, Yulon magnolia and the Magnolia Soulongeana, with its colored flowers as large as six inches across.

If you prefer many flowers in May and June, confine yourself to verbenas, petunias and geraniums. These can be set out in full bloom from pots the middle part of May, or whenever danger from frost has passed.

There is nothing that quite equals a good garden in cutting down living expenses.

Rhubarb should be sown in drills two feet apart, and the plants thinned to six inches in the drill. In the autumn following they will be fit to transplant into permanent beds, to be set three feet apart in the rows, which should be four feet apart. For the first year the ground between the rows may be used for lettuce, beans, or any low-growing crop; but after the second year the leaves will cover the whole space, and require it all for their full development.

The early spring is a splendid time to clean up the orchard. There are worthless trees that should go into the woodpile and their places should be

filled with something more valuable. Cut out broken and decayed limbs from the larger trees, burn the brush and do all necessary trimming. Cover exposed or injured parts of the wood with thick paint or grafting wax. Dead wood in the berry bushes should also come out and go into the brush heap where fire will destroy a host of insect pests which hibernate in the decaying litter about the orchard. Examine the trees for the eggs of insects, which, when hatched by the heat of the sun, may defoliate the trees before they are discovered.

The proper time to transfer plants from the hotbed or greenhouse to the cold frame is often a perplexing question to beginners. If the weather is unusually severe, it is often best to defer transplanting for a few days, but too much delay may result in the spindling of the plants in the seed bed. If the rows of seedlings are three or four inches apart, the plants will often stand five or even six weeks before becoming spindling; but it is generally safer to transplant in about four weeks from the date of sowing. Sow at intervals of several days so that the plants will come on in succession.

About April 15th, plant hardy roses. These should be pruned a little more than established ones.

Sow about one pint of peas in fifty feet.

Turn house plants frequently so that all sides may have equal benefit of light and sunshine.

Gooseberries prefer strong rich soil on a northern exposure. It is a plant that requires much food and therefore needs to be fertilized heavily on light soil.

Humus in the soil is a very important part in gardening. This may be supplied in the form of well rotted manure where plenty of straw, stover and old leaves have been used in the stable for bedding.

The reason why the grower of vegetables seems always to have better vegetables on his table is because they are freshly picked, and because when picking for his own table he will pass over the ones slightly past their prime, which discrimination can scarcely be expected of the man growing for the market.

A wheel hoe, with a few other garden utensils, will enable one man to successfully care for an acre. Planting should be in long rows to facilitate its use.

There are millions of acres of almost waste land that should be planted in fruit trees of some sort. Of course, you haven't a million, but probably you have one.

Pruning Pear Trees.

In pruning the pear orchard, a symmetrical shape should be given the trees, according to the form that the grower has decided upon. The pyramidal form, I think, is preferable, trimmed to a leader. This is begun when the tree is young, by cutting the lower branches to four or five buds, the higher ones a little shorter, and so on to the leader, which should be left longest.

The cutting-back and thinning-out must continue annually to obtain the highest results. How closely this should be done depends upon the variety and the vigor of the tree. Some trees have a tendency to set more fruit than do others. It is necessary to watch the orchard, and trim trees so inclined more severely, otherwise they will overbear, and, becoming exhausted, go into decline.

If a tree has become exhausted and stunted from overbearing or other cause, it may be revived by cutting back into the old wood, and allowing the tree to make a top of new wood. This has been repeatedly and successfully done.

The person who trims should be able to tell what to cut, how to cut, why he cuts, and the probable effect of the pruning upon the tree. If he can not give a reason for everything he does, he is an unsafe man to trust in trimming a pear orchard.

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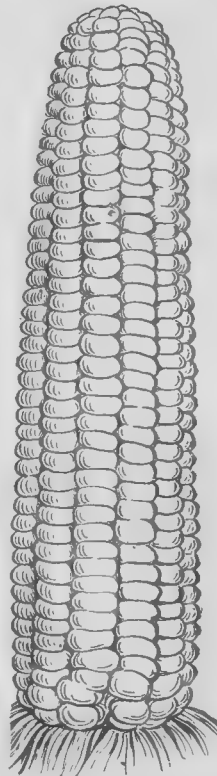
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Health Notes.

Eight hours of sleep in the twenty-four are none too much to build up the body.

Once a month is often enough to wash the hair, unless it is very oily.

Peroxide of hydrogen dabbled on a cold sore frequently will make it disappear in a short time.

Stiff neck and pains in the chest may be relieved by rubbing with warm sweet oil and covering with a layer of absorbent cotton.

Sleeping with the mouth open has a tendency to thicken the cartilage of the nostrils, and spoil the shape of the lips.

A little child's teeth should be looked after carefully, for upon their well being depends the strength of the second set.

For pain and inflammation, hot fomentations are very valuable. They will never burn if the cloth is wrung out perfectly dry before applying. Cover up well. It should retain its heat for two or three hours.

Stout persons with a short neck should avoid wearing any collar or stock which would cause undue pressure on the arteries of the neck; particularly if there is an hereditary tendency to apoplexy.

Do not use pumice stone to remove superfluous hair. It does not kill the roots, and when they grow again they will be coarser and stiffer.

Breast milk is sometimes used in baby's eyes, when they are slightly inflamed. This should never be done. A solution of boric acid is very cleansing and healing; half a teaspoonful in half a pint of boiled water, kept in a bottle, and used every hour or two, will heal in a short time. Use a dropper so that the solution washes the eyes. It is not at all painful.

If a severe headache comes on after sewing, it is due to eye strain. Bathe the eyes in cold water to relieve any congestion. Sometimes looking at brilliant colors will relieve the eyes that have grown tired. Unless there can be complete relief from work that taxes the eyes, glasses must be worn.

Those who suffer from excessive perspiration of the feet should bathe them frequently in hot water with a soap containing plenty of rosin. Rock salt added to the water has a tendency to harden the skin, and tighten up the pores. Boracic acid powder, sprinkled in the stockings worn through the day is also a benefit.

A teaspoonful of sodium phosphate in a cup of hot water taken before breakfast for two weeks will correct a bilious condition. Add the juice of half a lemon for its beneficial effect and to make it more palatable.

Walking and skating are the best kinds of exercise in the winter, provided common sense is used in stopping before completely fatigued. Many girls and women do not get the benefit from this outdoor exercise that they should because they do not dress properly. The clothing should be worn closely enough to give plenty of breathing room, and the wraps should be as light in weight as possible, to give warmth, and yet not prevent free motion of the limbs.

A small pillow is one of the greatest comforts to an invalid. It may be slipped under one shoulder or under the "small of the back" to change the position slightly and rest the muscles. It may also be rolled up hard and tight, sewed or pinned securely, and pushed under the knees to relieve the strain on the muscles of the limbs, or under the ankles to rest the heels which sometimes become bruised and tender from constant pressure on the mattress.

Part of a barrel hoop, wound with muslin strips and placed over the limbs, will support the bedclothes and prevent their heavy weight on the patient, which is sometimes exhausting; or a large pillow may be placed beside the limbs and accomplish the same purpose.

Glycerine.

In cases of illness in which the patient suffers from burning thirst, relief can be obtained by taking a teaspoonful of glycerine and water, and holding it in the mouth before swallowing it.

If the patient be too ill to swallow, it may be applied to the parched tongue with a feather.

For a cough, a cup of hot water, sweetened with sugar and a little glycerine, to which may be added a few drops of paregoric, will give relief.

Earache can sometimes be cured by pouring a few drops of glycerine into the ear, keeping it in with a little heated cotton.

A little glycerine rubbed into the scalp with the fingers, after the hair is shaken out, counteracts the tendency to dryness which is common to some hair.

Glycerine is perhaps one of the most valuable cosmetics. To most skins it gives a whitening, softening effect.

A mixture of glycerine and mutton tallow is excellent for restoring the oil of the skin when it is dry and hard.

Benzoin may be added with very beneficial results.

The glycerine and tallow heals and the benzoin tones and strengthens the skin.

Glycerine is good for a sunburnt complexion.

For freckles, take equal quantities of lactic acid, rose water and glycerine. Use as a wash.

As glycerine absorbs moisture, it is better to dilute it when using it in a wash for the face and hands. For inflammations of mucous surfaces as the mouth and throat, the undiluted glycerine is very effective, especially when used with other remedies.

A cement made by adding a teaspoonful of glycerine to a gill of glue is a great convenience in the kitchen and is especially good for fastening leather, paper or wool to metal.

Suggestions.

Here is a lotion for chapped, discolored hands: One ounce of oil of sweet almonds, one ounce of glycerine, two ounces of strained lemon juice, ten drops of carbolic acid. A few drops of oil of rose adds a delightful fragrance. Use this once or twice a day.

The finger nails require soap and water and the nail brush at least once a day. While the hands are still soft from the action of the water the cuticle about the nails should be pressed back gently. If this is done persistently the nail will soon acquire a dainty, oval shape and a surface the tint of a sea shell. If the nails are neglected the flesh will attach itself to the finger nails and then all sorts of painful "shreddy" little ends will appear. The proper manicure outfit consists of a flexible file, a polisher, ivory cleanser, cuticle knife, some good ointment and a powder for polishing.

An offensive breath can come from any one of several causes. Decaying teeth or a trifling affection of the gums will cause it. Throat diseases and catarrh and frequently responsible for the bad breath. A disordered stomach is the most ordinary cause. You should consult with the family physician and your dentist and have the cause removed. A few drops of listerine and a pinch of borax added to a glass of water makes a delightful mouth wash.

The girl who has blackheads should purchase a good complexion brush. Then at night she must use her brush vigorously with warm castile suds, afterward rinsing the face thoroughly, drying well and applying a good cold cream. In the morning rub into the skin a little baking soda. It will help cleanse the pores.

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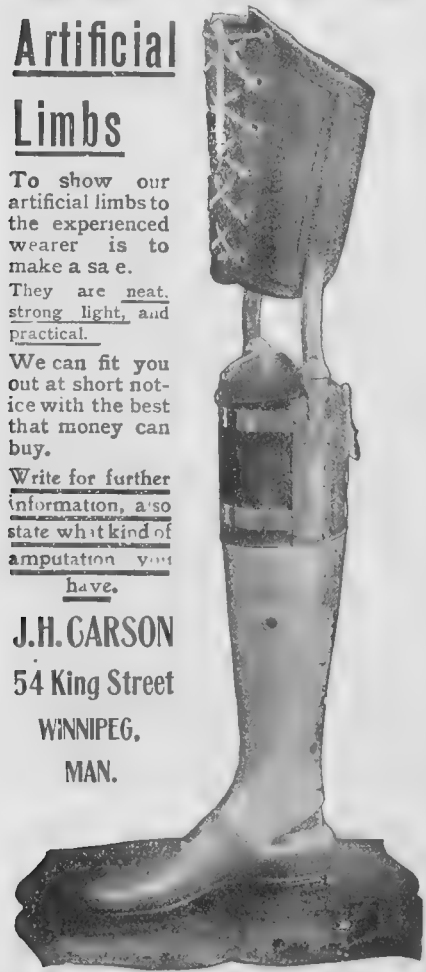
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Now there is something queer in the way an egg spins. It is easy enough to make it spin on either the small or large end by standing it on that end on a plate and twirling it with your fingers, but if you try to make it spin on the side it refuses to do so, but stands up and spins on the large end.

It is not quite so easy, though not very difficult, to make an egg spin without twirling it or even touching it with your fingers. Simply lay it on a



plate which projects a little over the edge of the table so that you can lift the plate without tipping it. Take it up and move your hand rapidly in a small horizontal circle as if you were trying to make a lot of "naughts" with a pencil. The egg will begin to spin on its side, but will soon be spinning on its large end. Or you can keep it spinning in this way even if you have to start it with your fingers.

It is possible, also, to spin an egg with a string, though, of course, you must not throw it on the floor. Wind the string around the middle of the egg, stand it on one end and steady it by touching the other end lightly with one finger. Then pull the string carefully.

Finally, you can spin an egg with a whip, like a whip top, if you do not whip it too hard, and take care not to hit it with the stick, but a glass "nest egg" or a wooden darning egg is better than a real egg for this purpose.

Some eggs spin better than others. The best spinners are eggs that are quite regular in shape and have been boiled in an upright position so that the air bubble is exactly at the end, not a little to one side, as it often is.

Robin and Crocus.

Crocus peeped out of the earth, in the chill April weather. The sky was gray, and not a spear of grass was to be seen, nor a single green leaf; a few old ones clung to the vines and trees, withered and brown.

But Crocus, brave and sweet, lifted its cup of gold out of the earth, close beside a patch of snow, and looked shyly about, contented and glad, though so quite alone, and so cold.

"Forward thing!" said a voice. Crocus started and shuddered—it was not alone.

"Forward thing!" repeated the voice, dismally. "It would be more becoming were you to wait until your betters had come—not flaunt our your prettiness uninvited."

Now, poor Crocus knew that the Pine-tree was near, and had rebuked it; and the pine was tall, and old and great.

Just then Robin came hopping blithely along.

"How do you do, little Crocus? Well met again!" said he. "Hey-dey! What is the matter? Why so sorrowful, dear?" he gently added.

But Crocus was so very down-cast it could scarcely reply. At last it told Robin how it came out of the dark earth so early, because the world was so very lonesome; and that by and by, when the fast company of grand and lovely flowers appeared, so simple a flower as itself would not be needed.

"And when one means to do right, it

is very bad to be thought wrong by those who are great and wise," added Crocus, sadly.

And Robin answered, he felt so sorry he hardly knew what to do:

"Those who are cruel are never great. Though they reach to the very skies! But never mind, little Crocus. Let me tell you. Whenever I plume myself ready to flit away from the sunny South, every one says to me:

"Foolish bird! Foolish bird! 'T is chilly and drear up there. Wait a little. You will find no leaves to hide away your nest.' But the more they say, the merrier I sing; and away I fly to the chilly north, to tell them the spring is coming—for fear they will all be discouraged."

"And is it not something to make people glad, even if we must be chided?"

Just then Claribel came down the path, and saw the Robin and Crocus together. She sang out: "Oh! the first Robin! I shall have my wish!" Then she paused with lifted hand, thinking which of all the delightful things in the world she now most wanted.

"It will be a hat with blue ribbons, and a flower like Crocus in the blue, for me to wear at Easter."

So Robin, when he heard this, soared away well pleased. And Claribel tenderly picked the flower, saying: "Dearest blossom of all the year, you are like a drop from the sun, after the winter days. I will put you very near my heart." So she fastened the flower on her dress, and Crocus was comforted.

A Rainy-Day Game.

First, get a lot of old magazines, that your parents are willing you should destroy, and from these cut a lot of pictures, both those illustrating the text and those among the advertisements. Cut these pictures out carefully, preserving the outline of each one, and then mount them all on heavy cardboard, pasting them firmly, for you will use them a great many times. You would better get some one to help you, brothers, sisters or playmates, for you will want as many pictures as you can get. It is well to start with at least fifty, and one hundred is twice as good. The pictures must all be of living things—animals and people, although you may use as many kinds as you like, from elephants to mice, giants to brownies, men, women and children, and the more different kinds, big and little, wide and narrow, you have, the better.

Now that your pictures are mounted on the cardboard and are quite dry, cut the cardboard into a lot of pieces of all sizes and shapes, squares, triangles, and figures of no regular shape, of odd sides, and many corners, criss-crossing many times, so that your lot of mounted pictures becomes a lot of little pieces, scraps of pictures on bits of odd-shaped cardboard. Each cardboard with a picture on it should be cut up into about five pieces or even more. Now you are ready for your game.

Heap the pieces up in the center of a table and draw your chairs close. Any number may play. You start the game by drawing at random a piece from the pile on the table's center. The player on your left follows, drawing one piece, and so on around the table. Then you draw another piece which you try to fit in some way to the piece you already have, the others follow, and by this time you may be able to make something like a picture from the pieces you have drawn. Again you all draw in turn, and again and again until one of you is able to make a picture from the scraps he has drawn, thus winning the game.

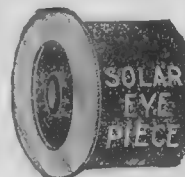
Luck and skill must combine to aid a player's winning in this game. You may have almost enough to make a complete figure but lack just one feature, say a head, and the next four or five pieces you draw may all chance to be hands and feet. Of course, you add these to your picture if you can, for it would make it all the funnier. Or you may draw a horse's head, a swan's neck, a woman's body with a long skirt, and a farmer's great boots, and so complete your picture in four draws. Skill in putting the pieces together counts almost as much as luck in drawing the needed piece from the pile.

A player is not obliged to use in his picture every piece he draws, but he may not trade these unused pieces with any other player, but must keep them until the end of the game, when all the pieces are shuffled and mixed together and again heaped in the center of the table and another game started.

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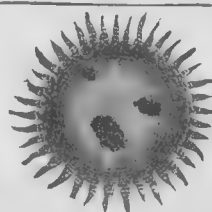
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When faint with noontide sultriness,
We pine for shelter;
When weary of the daily walk
O'er moor and meadow,
We long for change, for fireside talk,
And the lamp's shadow;
Still sings the soother of our woes—
"To sigh is folly;
The same kind hand that brought the rose
Shall bring the holly."

Dr. Charles Mackay.

THE "NEW WOMAN" AGAIN.

A correspondent sends me some excellent things from the pen of one who may well be classed among the very newest of "new women," Helen M. Winslow, and who has this to say concerning home-loving and housekeeping: "There are people in the world in this enlightened age who are worrying about the relation of the woman of tomorrow to the home. They argue that the new woman with her opportunities, her relation to the business world, her college education, her mental development (which they delight in referring to as 'so far ahead of her physical development')—that this woman of the future is sure to cut asunder from all home ties; that we are to become a race of nomads, who roam desolately from one hotel or boarding-house or lodging-house to another, with no taste or desire for the old-fashioned home. But this is now as it always was, sheer nonsense. Ever since Eve hugged her first baby to her heart women have been proud and happy mothers. Ever since she urged Adam to partake of the fateful apple, women have been enticing men with dinners, good or bad. Think you that after thousands of years we are going to change our natures because of a little college training, a little 'advanced thought?' Not while women are women. I suppose I am optimistic, but it seems to me that things are going very well for our sex, and that we have very little to complain of; also that the opposite sex has very little to complain of as well, for he is still far from a buttonless state, and he acts as if he enjoyed intelligent companionship from or with his women-kind.

I know it is the fashion to cry out 'race suicide,' and all that, but let us not take to heart too seriously the dismal state of affairs bewailed by certain sensational reformers. The world is still rolling on towards the good—still swinging out to the light. The wise Creator, when he made woman, gave her the two highest offices in His gift—those of wife and mother. Kings boast of reigning by right divine, and inscribe 'Rex Dei Gratia' upon the laws of their land; but woman is the only creature who may truthfully use those words, and she may say, 'I am a woman by the grace of God, and rule in a kingdom of kingdoms.' She makes no laws, leads no armies, governs no enterprises, but she forms those by whom laws are made, armies led and great enterprises managed.

Statistics have already proven that the college-bred woman marries in the same proportion and infinitely better than her simpering sister who cares nothing for education. She not only has as many children but is manifestly better fitted to train them up to good citizenship. It is also evident that woman's experience in the business world—while it makes her more cautious about marriage—renders her a more sympathetic, appreciative and sensitive wife than the girl who waits at home for a husband who, she has been taught to believe, must ever after be her body-slave. And although modern conditions make it possible for a woman to be self-supporting, and therefore not to marry unless she does it for the greatest reason in the world—love—the business of marrying and having children is going right on age after age, generation after generation. So there is no real cause for worry."

TO WOMEN, FROM A WOMAN.

My correspondent feels that the little talk on the new woman, coming from a representative woman, must carry weight; I agree with her, and am glad to print, also, another little "sermonette" from the same source, promising it will not do the masculine readers of The Western Home Monthly one bit of harm to read it, making personal application: "Let us be brave women and true, with no taint of unfairness or dishonor in our

methods or ambitions, but the resolve that we who have been privileged to be alive today, and privileged to march with the great army of those who serve, will strive to share whatever we possess, whether of wealth, intellect, or affection, with those who are our sisters in God's family.

Let us be charitable, believing in the sisterhood of women. Thoughts are things, according to the 'New Thought,' and the law of attraction will bring us just what we provide for by sowing charitable, loving thought-seeds or the reverse.

Let us insist on doing our share of work and only our share. When we do less we are shirking our duty; when we do more we are letting someone else shirk. Let us adopt the 'I can and will' motto; but let us use it with discretion and will only what is right.

Let us keep a steel-rod vertebra instead of an india-rubber one in our backbone, especially when we have disagreeable things to do. For a backbone is what too many women—and men, too, lack.

Let us believe that there is much more of good than of evil in every human being; and let us help everyone with whom we come in contact to bring forth the good by recognizing their power to do this.

Let us remember that evil is but ignorance, and that to know all is to forgive all; and let us think of this every time we are inclined to condemn another woman.

There is no 'new woman.' We are all identically the same as Eve and Sarah and Ruth and—I say it with all reverence—Mary, the carpenter's mother. We have the same natures, the same intuitions, the same love of family and home, the same desire to be of use to others that women have always had; only in these wonderful modern times we have kept pace with the age, and are developing, both as individuals and as a whole. And now that we have stepped forth and won places as physicians and lawyers and ministers, now that we are widening the ranks of every profession as we go forth on the road to higher achievement, it behooves every woman-soul of us to ask ourselves—What have I to do about it? Am I doing my duty to the rest of mankind? Am I bearing my share of the burden of the world? Or, if this last is denied me, am I possessing my soul in patience and living up to the splendid present? Am I sweet and gentle and strong and helpful? Am I critical of no one but myself? Am I loving toward my family, my neighbor, my friend, my enemy? Am I helping the cause of the woman of tomorrow by working out my own life-problem with the child-heart and Christ-love to sweeten existence for all around me? These are the questions we have to make faithful answers to."

A reader writes us:—I have learned from experience that many people make a big mistake in watering plants. At least, I did; never until last season, although I love flowers dearly and have tried year after year to have fine ones in winter, did I succeed as I wanted to, and I believe the fault lay in watering. At a florist's one day I exclaimed on the beauty of his plants and the dryness of the soil. "Yes," he said, "I have not yet given them the drink they are waiting for this morning." "But do you let the earth become so very dry, often?" I asked. "Always," said he; "that is, I do not give them water until the surface is dry, then I give enough for a thorough wetting." Then he told me that a great mistake made by amateurs is keeping the earth in pots wet all the time by watering regularly, whether the plants need it or not, thus actually rotting the roots and souring the earth. "Never water a plant until the surface of the earth in the pot is dry," said he. "There are few, if any, exceptions to this rule."

I took his advice and my plants picked up wonderfully; so, as a lover of flowers, my own and everybody's, I am glad to pass the information along.

The florist also told me something about the use of fertilizers I had not known before. No fertilizer should be given until a plant begins to grow of its own accord; you cannot force a plant to grow by giving fertilizer. It should never be allowed to touch the stalk of the plant, and should be applied at first diluted or weakened. Now I know that I killed a beautiful bed of pansies last spring by using a strong fertilizer on plants that had not become accustomed to their new quarters.

Apple Indian Pudding.—Stir one-half cupful of corn meal into one pint of scalded milk. When thickened slightly stir in a pint of pared and sliced sweet apples, one-half cupful of molasses or sugar, half a teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful of butter and one quart of cold milk. Bake four hours very slowly in buttered pudding dish. To be eaten hot or cold with cream, whipped or plain.

Repeat it:—Shilo's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS

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COOKING RECIPES.

Orange Sauce.—Beat the whites of three eggs stiff, add gradually one cupful of powdered sugar, then add juice and grated rind of two oranges and one tablespoonful of lemon juice.

Banana Salad.—Six bananas, one apple, one orange, boiled dressing. Open the bananas carefully, so as to fill them again, slice three of them, and cut the apple and orange into small pieces. Mix thoroughly with boiled dressing and fill the banana skins, placing them on lettuce leaves.

Boiled Onions with Cream.—Parboil the onions in salted water, drain, then plunge into boiling salted water again and cook until tender—about three-quarters of an hour, then drain again and sprinkle with a little salt and pepper; add a tablespoonful of butter and two tablespoonfuls of cream, and serve hot.

Spider Cake.—One pint of sour cream, one-half cupful of butter, one-half teaspoonful of soda and as much salt, one teaspoonful of sugar, and flour enough to make a soft dough. Mix lightly, roll thin, cut into rounds, place them on a hot spider; brown one side, turn and brown on the other. Serve hot with butter and syrup.

Caramel Cake.—One cupful of sugar, one cupful of milk, one and one-half cupfuls of butter, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one-half teaspoonful of saleratus, one-quarter cake of chocolate. Frosting.—One and one-quarter cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of milk. Boil five minutes without stirring. Flavor with teaspoonful of vanilla.

Baked Cabbage.—An excellent way to utilize cold cabbage is to put it into a baking dish and pour over it sufficient dressing to cover, made in the proportion of one tablespoonful each of butter and flour to one cupful of milk. Pour over this one well beaten egg, and cover with bread crumbs dusted with melted butter. Bake forty-five minutes.

Potato Doughnuts.—Two cupfuls of hot mashed potato, four tablespoonfuls of shortening, three cupfuls of sugar, and four eggs. Beat all to a cream, then add three cupfuls of milk, a little salt and nutmeg or any preferred flavoring and five teaspoonfuls of baking powder sifted in the flour, using enough flour to make of the usual consistency of doughnut dough.

Deviled Cheese.—Run half a pound of good, mild cheese through a meat chopper; mix with one tablespoonful of butter creamed, one tablespoonful of vinegar and one of worcester sauce; tarragon vinegar is preferable. Season with one teaspoonful of sugar, half a teaspoonful of mustard and the same of salt. Spread between square crackers, and serve with salads.

Jenny Linds.—Make a thin batter of three eggs, two full tablespoonfuls of melted butter, pinch of salt, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a pint of milk and a quart of flour. Bake on hot griddle in cakes the size of a small plate. Butter on the wrong side, spread with fruit jam or marmalade, roll up, lay on a flat dish, sprinkle sugar over them and serve hot with cream or lemon sauce.

Amber Pudding.—Stir one teacupful cornmeal into one quart of boiling water; add one teacupful of molasses, one-half teacupful of salt, one quart sliced sweet apples, three pints of milk, and mix well; pour into a large buttered pudding dish and bake in a very slow oven for four hours, when the liquid will have evaporated to a clear amber-colored jelly throughout the pudding.

Cocoanut Pie.—Bake under crust; put a pint of sweet milk in a pan and set it in a kettle of hot water. When the milk boils add three tablespoonfuls of sugar; then two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch, dissolved in a little cold milk. Cook until it thickens; then add one-half box of cocoanut. Take off the stove and add whites of the eggs, whipped to a stiff froth. Turn the mixture into the shell and place in the oven to brown.

Pound Cake.—One pound of sifted flour, one pound of fine sugar, one pound of eggs, one scant pound of butter, one tablespoonful of brandy, one-half teaspoonful of mace.

Oyster Sandwiches.—Have the slices of bread nicely toasted on one side. Have plump but rather small oysters thoroughly drained. Dip them in soft butter, mixed with a little paprika and lemon juice. Arrange on the toasted side of the squares of bread. Put together and brush both sides of each sandwich well with soft butter, arrange the sandwiches in a fine wire broiler and toast carefully. Serve at once, with sauce tartare.

Rice Cake.—One cupful of butter, two of sugar, two and one-fourth cupfuls of rice flour, six eggs, the juice and rind of one lemon. Beat the butter to a cream, then gradually beat in the sugar and add the lemon. Beat the whites and yolks separately and add them to the beaten sugar and butter. Also the rice flour. Pour into a shallow pan to the depth of about two inches. Bake from thirty-five to forty-five minutes in a moderate oven.

Stewed Leg of Mutton.—Put a loin of mutton into a stewpan with a cupful of water, a glass of light wine, a clove of garlic, three cloves, one teaspoonful of chopped parsley, with salt and cayenne pepper to taste. Cover and stew gently till tender. Strain the liquid, skim off the fat, and reduce with hot water if necessary; add a piece of butter rolled in flour, a little minced gherkin or parsley and a spoonful of lemon juice. Pour over meat and serve.

Bacon and Egg Sandwich.—Have nicely streaked bacon cut thin, and fry or broil a nice crisp brown. Fry the eggs until they are just set, turning them when they are partly done, so that both sides are fried. Spread lettuce leaves on the hot buttered toast rounds and sprinkle the bacon, broken into bits, over the lettuce. Place the egg on this and cover with another crisp leaf of lettuce and round of toast. Serve with tender, crisp celery.

Apple Custard Pie.—Into a cupful of stewed and strained apples stir the juice and grated rind of half a lemon, and a cupful of sugar. Half a teaspoonful of grated nutmeg or a teaspoonful of cinnamon may take the place of the lemon rind, if preferred. Mix a cupful of milk, or, better still, of sweet or sour cream, thoroughly with the apple, and then the beaten yolk of an egg, and, lastly, stir in gently the well whipped white. This filling will make one pie. The pie may be made with a lattice top, in tart fashion, or, if the paste is very rich and light, a solid upper crust may be arranged.

Scotch Tart.—Line a square baking tin with a paste made thus: One heaping teaspoonful of baking powder and one-half teaspoonful of salt sifted with one pint of flour; beat one egg in one-half cupful softened butter, and stir in one-half pint sweet milk. Roll out thin, and cover with tart apples, peeled and cored, and sliced crosswise in half-inch slices; allow each row to overlap the shingles, covering the center holes of the preceding row. Sprinkle thickly with light-brown sugar, dot with butter, grate nutmeg over, and bake until the apples are tender. Serve with cream, whipped or plain.

Sally Luns are always popular at tea during the cool months. Place half a pint of new milk and half an ounce of butter in a saucepan. When milk is warm pour it over half an ounce of German yeast. Mix half a teaspoonful of salt with three-quarters of a pound of flour. Add a beaten egg to the milk and yeast, and then stir all lightly into the flour, with a wooden spoon. Grease two or three small round cake tins. Pour some of the mixture into each, and set them to rise in a warm place for an hour. Then bake in a good steady oven from twenty to thirty minutes. When required for use, this tea cake should be cut into thick slices across, toasted, buttered, and served very hot. On this last greatly depends success.

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About the Farm.

Dairy Wisdom.

For a spring tonic add a little oil-meal to the grain ration.

Cows that are to come fresh require special care.

They should have the freedom of a good, roomy box stall for at least a month before calving.

Fancy a sensitive mother cow, with her head fastened in stanchions, forced to drop her calf in the gutter!

This is happening every day in this age. Such men never succeed, nor do they deserve success.

Start in this spring with a pair of scales, tally sheets and a Babcock tester.

Find out, for certain, which cows are paying you a profit, and which are eating into the profits of the others.

The coming season can be one of profit, and pleasure, too, if you use your brains.

Use plenty of land plaster in and about the stables. Do not let odors accumulate.

Never sacrifice a heifer calf from a first-class butter cow.

All are needed to supply the depleted dairies.

Don't, oh, don't, use a scrub bull as a sire.

Remember that the cows are tender from having been shut up in the barn so long, and do your best to shield them from the hard April winds.

Never tie a calf with a rope about its neck. Ten chances to one it will get choked to death. A stout strap about the neck, with a ring and a chain, are far better. A swivel will keep the chain from twisting.

Care of the Milk.

As soon as the milk is drawn it should be taken from the stable and strained. A milk room in the barn may be partitioned off from the cattle with tight walls and, if the barn is poorly ventilated and at times foul, the door to this room should be open from the outside

to avoid stable odors and dust. Milk that is strained and allowed to stand in the stable any length of time is often nearly unfit for use because of the bad odors it has taken up. If a room remote from the cows cannot be provided the straining may be done out of doors, care being taken lest rain and dirt enter the can. This trouble can be largely averted by covering the can between strainings with a clean, moist cloth.

Under the best of conditions, some dirt will get into the milk, and the strainer is always a very important utensil and will remove a great deal of this dirt if well cleaned and provided with a fine wire gauze and two or three thicknesses of cheese cloth. The strainer and cheese cloths should be well cleansed after every milking. This should be done by first rinsing with cold water, second by washing with warm water to which some washing compound has been added, and scalding. All dairy utensils should be cleaned in this manner and, when possible, should be thoroughly steamed.

As soon as the milking is finished, the cans should be placed in cold water, the milk stirred occasionally for a few minutes and the covers left off until the milk is thoroughly cooled, precautions being taken that no dirt gets into the milk. In order to hasten the cooling process, it may be necessary to change the water surrounding the cans occasionally.

The stable should be cleaned regularly and as often as necessary, and lime put in the gutters every day after cleaning will have a beneficial effect. Cattle cannot be kept clean and will not do their best if compelled to stand and lie in filthy mud puddles. Lime should be freely used on all earth floors.

The mangers should be clear of the ground, tight enough to hold any feed that may be given, and they should be arranged so as to be easily cleaned. In the feeding of such fermentable stuffs as brewers' malt and beet pulp, the mangers and floors may be the sole cause of poor-keeping and bad-flavored milk. Musty or rotten food, fermented

beet pulp, manure, etc., should not be stored where they will contaminate the milk, but should be well removed from the stable. Odors from such materials are readily taken up by milk.

Keeping Cream.

In a talk before a creamery patrons' meeting in Minnesota, the inspector said:

"I believe the cheapest and handiest arrangement for cooling the cream, and keeping it cool, is to have a small tank, through which all of the water is pumped to the large stock tank. Ordinary cream cans can be used, or better still, the old style of 'shot gun' cans, which are deep and narrow, thus giving a larger cooling surface. The temperature of the ordinary well water is in the neighborhood of fifty degrees, and it does not take long to bring the cream down to within a few degrees of the temperature of the water. Where the water in the tank can be changed often by the use of windmill, or otherwise, it is an easy matter to maintain this temperature, even in the hottest weather in summer. Cream should be kept in water the year round. It should be stirred once or twice while cooling, to allow the animal odors to escape. Warm cream should never be mixed with cold cream, as this has a tendency to cause bad flavors. Cream which has been handled in a cleanly manner, and properly cooled, should keep in fine condition two days in the summer and three days in the winter."

Milk With Dry Hands.

It is a bad habit with many milkers to let the fingers get wet, sometimes deliberately dipping them into the milk so as to make them slide down the teats. The proper way is to milk with perfectly dry hands by squeezing, not sliding. Only in "stripping" to start the flow to get the last drops of milk it may be preferable to slide the fingers down the teats. These last drops, the "strippings," contain the largest per cent. of fat, being almost as rich as cream, and not only for that reason, but also to keep up a rich flow of milk from the cow, it is important not to neglect the stripping. It is well known

that by leaving more and more of the milk in the bag at each consecutive milking the cow is soon dried up.

Dairy Notes.

Use only salt that is fine in quality and grain for butter.

The sooner milk is set in a cool place ready for the cream to rise, the more cream there will be.

Money expended in making the cows comfortable will bring multifold returns to the dairyman's pocket.

Not only the flavor but the keeping quality of butter is injured by keeping the cream until it gets very sour.

It may be set down as an indisputable fact that an udder which is in an unhealthy condition cannot secrete pure milk.

If the salt is not well mixed through the butter, it will crystallize on the outside and probably make the butter streaked.

Never put milk or cream into a dark, poorly ventilated cellar. Good butter cannot be made from milk and cream handled in this manner.

Whatever is given cows to eat never neglect to give them pure air to breathe, clean water to drink, and clean beds to lie down on.

Ventilation cannot be neglected to any extent without injuring the quality of the milk produced, and endangering the health of the herd and those who care for them.

The cheesy taste of butter is due to lack of thoroughness in washing and removing the buttermilk. Butter will not keep well if any of the buttermilk remains.

The cream pot should have its contents stirred every day at least, and every time any cream is added. This insures an even ripening and better quality of butter.



HEELS UP-HEAD DOWN

There are some mighty funny things about common "bucket bowl" cream separators. One is that the bowls used in them actually run better when turned heavy end down—heels up, head down, as you might say.

Prove it? Why, we knew it ten years ago, and have been proving it by building Tubulars with bowls rung heavy end down ever since.

But we have just proved it again—this time in a very simple and practical way with a "bucket bowl" itself. We took a common, disc filled "bucket bowl" machine—the sort with the bowl set heavy end up and fed through the top. The machine looked all right, but the bowl had the "shakes" so bad—that is, it trembled, leaned and strained against its bearings so hard—that we could not run it over 6,000 revolutions per minute, though it was supposed to run 8,000 in every day use.

You see, a separator bowl set heavy end up is always top heavy, always leans sidewise, even though the eye can't detect it, and consequently always trembles in its bearings. These tremblings gradually increase until they wear the bearings, shake them loose, bend the spindle and create so much friction that it acts like a brake and prevents getting up speed. That was the trouble with this disc filled "bucket bowl" we are talking about.

When we found this "bucket bowl" would not run in its own machine, we took it out, cut a thread on the bottom of the spindle, and hung it, heavy end down in a Sharples Tubular Cream Separator, just as we would a bowl of our own. You should have seen it run then. No trouble at all to run it 8,000 revolutions per minute. We easily ran it 12,000.

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Those who have received the greatest success as dairymen are the ones who have been especially noted for cleanliness and neatness in every department and detail.

While specks of butter are sometimes simply fine particles of milk curd, resulting from lack of care in skimming, sometimes they are small specks of dried cream, the result of dry cream having been scraped from the sides of the pan, and being too dry to thoroughly soften and mix with the rest.

The Poultry Yard.

Boiled onions are good for chickens and men.

Dust plenty of insect powder in the nests of those setting hens.

One man says there is more money in an egg farm than in either fancy birds or broilers.

In the large city markets the best prices for fatted fowls are realized from about February to July.

Equal parts of boiled oats, corn and wheat, with now and then the addition of table scraps, makes a good egg producing ration.

Chickens meant for table purposes should be well fed from the first.

Early mating of the hens gives plenty of time to test the eggs in regard to fertility.

Hens are much better breeders than pullets, because a greater percentage of the eggs are fertile.

It is useless to attempt to raise early chickens for the market unless you have provided a place to care for them.

The profit in poultry raising for market lies in hatching early, pushing the chickens forward as rapidly as possible, and marketing them early in the season.

Hatching eggs should be gathered daily, and twice a day if the weather is extremely cold. They should be kept in a cool, dry, dark place, but not too cold, and never over two weeks before setting or placing in incubator.

Any business must be learned and a great many perplexities must be encountered and difficulties overcome before it can be made successful. This is true of the poultry business, but no more true than anything else. To succeed at anything must be deserved by eternal vigilance.

Every cold day in spring used to bring us anxiety, lest some erratic setting hen would leave her nest for too long a time. The incubator relieves us of that worry. Chickens hatched in incubators are always free from lice and generally remain so until they are large enough not to be injured by them.

A cross of the large breeds upon the smaller will produce fowls at the first cross that will make a good growth and attain good size and many times increases the production of eggs. A cross of a good egg-producing strain upon a flock of fowls that are only moderate egg-producers will often have a marked effect in improving the qualities of the flock.

The spirit of perseverance is illustrated by the experience of a woman we know. For three years after starting in the poultry business she lost money, the next four the business just about broke even, but since that, each year has shown a handsome profit. How many of us would be content to wait eight years before making a profit?

There are a great many people who spend a lot of valuable time wondering which incubator is the best. Even expert opinion differs upon this point, each make of machinery having its advocates and users. All the machines manufactured by advertisers have proven successful in hatching chickens and that is the principal requirement.

Average Egg Production.

It has been estimated that the average egg production of the hens of this country is about sixty eggs each in a year. A good many flocks, well cared for, are producing an average of ten

dozen eggs for each hen in a year. There are flocks in which the average is as high as 150 eggs per hen in a year, and some even exceed this figure.

Good Hatches Require Good Eggs.

No machine can make good hatches from poor eggs—those lacking in fertility or high egg quality. No machine can hatch chicks strong enough to live if not properly brooded. They may hatch beautifully and die peacefully in a few days. A hen could not do it, and a machine cannot do it, either. Few people there are who do not have to learn by hard experience that brooding the chicks is the greater problem of the two. It is an art and must be mastered before any great amount of success is obtained.

Kept a Record.

A Wisconsin farmer kept a record of his poultry operations for a year and found that he had sold eggs for \$42.03 and poultry for \$26.52, making a total of \$68.55. He kept forty fowls. No record was kept of the eggs and fowls used by his own family.

The breeder of table poultry must produce the class of fowl best suited for his market. If there is a good demand for first class fowls of large size and weight, then he must select the kinds which first grow good frames and afterwards add plenty of flesh and fat. On the other hand, if the demand is largely for chickens of moderate size and very plump, then his chief regard must be for those kinds which grow meat as quickly as they grow framework. The Indian Game-Houdan cross is one of the best types of the latter kind.

Feather Eating.

Idleness and a lack of animal food will cause some fowls to get the habit of plucking feathers from the necks and breasts of their mates. The best preventive is to keep your fowls busy all the time scratching for their daily rations. It can be caused by a lack of a certain kind of food—usually an insufficiency of albuminoids. Feed your fowls plenty of beef scraps or other animal food. Sometimes a strip of salt pork hung up in the poultry house where they can peck at it will check the trouble. If the habit has become fixed in the flock, make an ointment of one teaspoonful of creolin and about a pint of melted lard and stir the whole until it is cool. Then rub in one teaspoonful of extract of aloes. Aloes can be obtained at any drug store. Use this preparation to apply to the bare parts and the feathers around the bare area. Two or three applications a week will usually result in checking the habit, as the mixture is very distasteful to the guilty ones. The feathers will grow in again, but not until the fowl has molted.

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Nut Bars.—Chop fine the meats of two or three kinds of nuts and mix thoroughly with the cream made as in cream nuts; shape into bars and cool.

Chocolate Almonds.—Blanch half a pound of almonds, dry and toast light brown in the oven. Melt half a pound of sweet vanilla flavored chocolate and dip each almond into the chocolate separately and lay them on oiled paper until cold. Melted plain chocolate added to melted fondant may be used for dipping, vanilla flavoring added to suit the taste.

Soft Caramels.—To one quart of moist brown sugar add one cup of rich milk, third of a cup of butter and half a cake of chocolate, grated. Boil nine minutes, then take from the fire and stir steadily for about five minutes, but not so long that you cannot readily pour it from the saucepan into buttered tins. When partly cold mark into squares and let stand until cold.

Hickory-Nut Candy.—Boil two cupfuls of sugar and one-half cupful of water together until it will thread, and when done flavor with a teaspoonful of lemon and vanilla together, turn quickly into the beaten white of an egg (having the bowl set in cold water), stir in one cupful of hickory-nut meats, turn into a flat buttered dish, and when cold, break into squares.

In the treatment of summer complaints, the most effective remedy that can be used is Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial. It is a standard preparation, and many people employ it in preference to other preparations. It is a highly concentrated medicine and its sedative and curative qualities are beyond question. It has been a popular medicine for many years and thousands can attest its superior qualities in overcoming dysentery and kindred complaints.

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There's the usual crop of fakirs appropriating the facts of DE LAVAL separator use and the endorsements DE LAVAL separators have received, and quoting them as though they applied to their own inferior imitations of the standard cream separator.

There's the concern which makes the inferior disc separator and speaks of the "disc" separator being "the machine which has won out universally in Europe, the home of the disc separator". True, but it was the DE LAVAL that has done the winning out in Europe, as it has in America.

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There's the "Trust," striving to complete its monopoly of dealer and farmer, harvesting much costly separator experience, largely at the expense of buyers-for-use, through trying to build a cream separator like ordinarily made farm machinery.

There's the "mail order" outfit, with their cheaply made machines, bought here and there, not made by themselves or sold under the real manufacturer's name, all claiming the earth and many of the things that should be below it.

But the merry lot changes and dwindles every year. They gradually drop out and leave their unfortunate patrons helpless with trashy machines. More will fade away this year. The dairy farmer, like the creameryman, is coming to know something of separators. He doesn't swallow mere "claims" so easily. 98% of the world's creamerymen use DE LAVAL machines. The percentage of farm users content with nothing else is always increasing.

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Of an adjoining lot
About a trifling matter—
I scarce remember what—
And resolved for my amusement,
And to aggravate the brute,
To engage a lady lawyer
On the matter in dispute.

When he got that lawyer's letter
My neighbor threw a fit.
She not only sued for trespass,
But served a capias writ.
A civil action she began,
Likewise a case in tort,
Oh, one needs a lady lawyer
If he's going into court.

Her plea in surrejoinder
Made defendant's counsel hum,
And she set the ad quod damnum
At a most audacious sum.
When our case went to the jury
She had but to show her face.
Yes, it takes a lady lawyer
To put ginger in a case.

The upper court rejected
The question of appeal,
And rebuked defendant's counsel
For exuberance of zeal.
The full bench then accordingly
A rescript kind send down—
For a lady lawyer's smile dispels
The stern judicial frown.

When I asked my fair attorney
What her bill for fees would foot,
A cheque for what she mentioned
In a billet-doux I put;
And I found it is by suing
That a lady lawyer is pleased,
For of her heart in mortmain
I am now securely seized.

The Desperate Jim Panther.

One of the stories which Mr. Milo Bush used to tell was concerning a certain Jim Panther who formerly infested the town. That such a man had actually existed I know to be a fact, but I cannot vouch for all of the details of Mr. Bush's narrative. It sounded reasonable, however, as he told it—tough, for the matter of that, everything he told sounded reasonable even when it related to how he (the speaker) had formerly earned his living by work.

"This here Jim Panther," Mr. Bush would begin, "was enterprising as a hen with one chicken. Always up to some money-making dodge. Honest as a sorrel hoss, but just naturally a business man. When the panic struck the town and two faro banks closed, and people lost confidence, and Deacon Tupper was detected using a false crown in his hat when taking up the collection Sunday morning, Jim kept right on and never squealed. Sold an Eastern man who wanted a farm the land which had been reserved for the Pleasant Prospect Cemetery, and got an En lis'-man into a poker game, and—well, the next day you might 'a' hung that Britisher over a clothes-line and put two tramps a-walloping him with these here rattan carpet-beaters, and they couldn't 'a' pounded a penny out of him. Jim Panther never set around and croaked about the tariff, or said that the government ought to make buckwheat cakes legal tender.

"You see, in them days there was a good many Eastern tourists and such-like out here, and a genyooine live-torn with live folks in it being new to them, they gawked around a good deal and asked questions, and got in the way, and wondered at this and that. They was great hands to buy things to take home—Injun fixings, and big hats, and bear-skins, and western spurs, and other stuff. Jim had been running a small Injun-scalp factory for some time as a kind of a side issue, but competition was brisk and prime scalps got down to sixty cents apiece. Besides, some man went to putting celluloid scalps on the market instead of the genyooine horsehide scalp, and this spoiled the business. So Jim set to thinking, and talked matters over with his brother Bill and the city marshal. The next day he blossomed out wearing a red shirt, and a big hat, and a gun in his belt as big as a jint of stove-pipe, and with thirty-nine notches filed in the barrel. Then he stood about on the corner and looked gloomy and disappointed, and peered up and down the street as if he was looking for the feller that had said he wasn't a gentleman and an honest citizen.

"Well, we seen our duty and we done it, as Judge Parker used to say in his

First-of-July speeches. Of course the tourists begun to ask questions—you can't shut off a tourist's questioner. 'W-w-o-t is the person on the corner armed with the large pistol?' they would say. 'Oh,' we says, keerslesslike, 'that's only Rattlesnake Jim.' 'Er-er, wot is them notches on the barrel of his weepen?' the tourist would go on. 'Oh,' says we, 'juss where he's kep' count of the men he's shot, that's all.' 'How—how many?' says the tourist. 'Thirty-nine,' says we; 'but don't speak of it, 'cause he don't want nothin' said till he's made it an even forty.' Then the tourist would go off and tell the other tourists, and soon they all was talking about Rattlesnake Jim, from Bender's Flat, and wondering if he'd get his man before supper. By-and-bye Jim stuck a file behind his ear just to have it handy for the next notch, and the fool tourist got more interested.

"In a hour or so Jim's brother comes loafing down the street with another big gun. Soon as they see each other they both yells, and yanks out their weapons, and they go bang! right together, and Jim flops down on his back, and the brother travels off rapid. The mayor steps up, puts his hand on Jim's heart, rises solemn, takes off his hat and lays it on Jim's breast to cover the wound, and says in a choky voice: 'Gents, the bravest man that ever looked throo a collar is no more. No more, gents! Rattlesnake Jim is dead,' and he mops his eyes with his elbow. Then he stoops over again, and picks up the weepen and runs his thumb along the barrel, and then goes on: 'Thirty-nine, feller-citizens. And he longed to make it forty. Truly, truly death loves a shining mark! He was my friend, gents. After life's fitting fever he sleeps like a top!' and here he burst out and regularly boo-boos for a minute or two. Then he goes on: 'But Rattlesnake Jim was a poor man; poor, but honest. He gave much in charity but kep' little for himself. He often said to me, 'Old hoss, when I'm gone sell my effects and give me a decent burial.' This small gun is his only effect, gents. Does any gent wish to buy it?' You ought to see them tourists wade in. Inside of a minute one of 'em walked off with it for \$50, while we carried Jim to his room at the hotel, where he set up and ordered refreshments for the bearers, and sent for a bottle of arnica to rub on his elbow where he hit the sidewalk as he fell. Two days after he was shot again, and after that died regular three times a week. He might 'a' got rich if he'd stuck to it and worked. But he couldn't stand prosperity. Insisted on having a hair mattress to fall on to and got so he kep' on smoking his cigar while he was a-laying there dead, and kicked because the mayor's tears spattered on it and put it out."

The Manager's Definition.

Sydney Rosenfeld, addressing the American Dramatists' Club at the dinner given by Charles Klein in honor of Henry Arthur Jones, told of his experiences while trying to find a manager who would produce his play, "The Optimist."

"I don't think much of the title," was the first manager's protest.

"Do you know what it means?" asked Rosenfeld.

"Certainly," was the impatient answer. "An optimist is a man who looks after the eyes, and a pessimist is one who attends to the feet."

Fair Play.

An attache of the American embassy at London tells a story of a butler in the employ of a fine old English family, whose long service had inculcated in him a personal and proprietary interest in the sons and daughters of the house.

Once, on the occasion of a large dinner party, the conscientious butler observed that one of the members of the family, a young girl who had but recently entered society, was devoting an amount of attention to her agreeable neighbor on the right, obviously in excess of that accorded to the less fascinating man on her left. This fact perturbed the butler to a degree that could no longer be borne in silence. So, under pretense of passing the cul-rit a dish, the butler managed to whisper respectfully in her ear:

"A little more conversation to the left, miss."

New York Wasn't Open.

Professor Brander Matthews, along with his belief in reform spelling, believes in short words and in simple con-

structions. Apropos of simplicity, Professor Matthews said the other day:

"In my youth I once passed the summer in the country. One of my friends, an elderly farm hand, paid a visit to New York during my country visit, and on his return I said to him, employing a word needlessly complex and long:

"Well, Jabez, how did you like the metropolis?"

"Wot say?" asked the old man.

"How did you like the metropolis?" I repeated.

"Twan't open," he said.

A Record Breaker.

Three fellow-travelers in the smoking room of a fast train were discussing the speed of trains.

"I was in a train once," said the first man, "that beat everything I rode in for speed. Why, it went so fast that the telegraph poles at the side of the track looked like an immense fine-toothed comb."

"That's nothing," said the second traveler; "I remember riding in an express on the — and — that went at such a gait that the telegraph poles looked like a solid board fence."

The third man made an exclamation of impatience.

"Ah, you fellows don't know what high speed on a railroad is. Why, I traveled west from Chicago last month in a train that went at such a pace that when we passed some alternate fields of corn and beans they looked like succotash!"

A Tactful Reply.

Arthur A. Hamerschlag, a director of the Carnegie Technical School of Pittsburgh, was speaking on the necessity of tact in dealing successfully with men. "There were two neighbors," continued the director, "and each had a pet diversion. Chickens was the hobby of one; that of the other, flowers. Because of the devastating instincts of the unrestrained fowls the flowers did not flourish. The gardener, however, valued his neighbor's friendship more than he did the flowers, and made no remonstrance. The poultry farmer, one evening, visited his neighbor, and by way of introduction made a complimentary remark about the garden. 'What a beautiful bed of flowers you have here,' he said, glowingly. 'Yes,' added the gardener, dejectedly, 'but it just keeps me a-sweatin' to keep it from becoming a feather bed.'"

Correct English.

Professor Lounsbury, the noted grammarian of Yale, has democratic and liberal views on the subject of the English language. He strenuously opposes the displacing of simple terms by others of pedantic character. Recently he told this story while discussing the subject: "There was a little boy who began to keep a diary. His first entry was: 'Got up this morning at 7 o'clock.' He showed the entry to his mother, and she, horror stricken, said: 'Have you never been to school? Got up, indeed! Such an expression! Does the sun get up? No, it rises.' And she scratched out 'Got up at 7' and wrote 'Rose at 7' in its place. That night the boy, before retiring, ended the entry for the day with the sentence, 'Set at 9 o'clock.'"

A Pause Follows.

There is a certain small boy who rejoices in the name of Waite Pearsall. He commenced to attend school a short time ago, and the teacher had quite an experience in finding out his name.

"What is your name?" she asked, as Waite took his seat.

"Waite," said the boy promptly.

The teacher looked rather surprised, but said nothing for a few moments, thinking, perhaps, he was frightened, then she asked again:

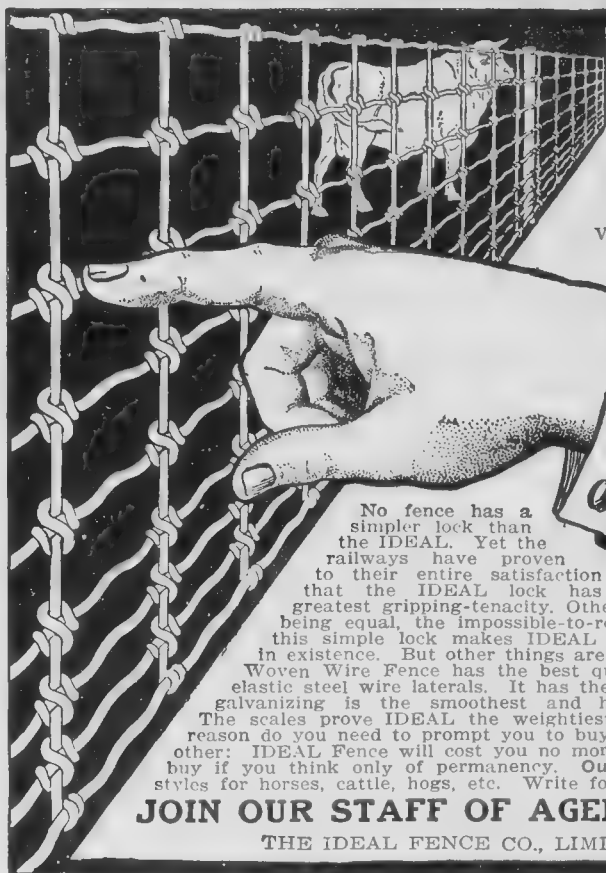
"What is your name?"

"Waite," said the possessor of the name.

After another few minutes' silence the teacher, becoming impatient, exclaimed: "Well, I have waited plenty long enough now. Please tell me your name."

That made the boys laugh, and finally the teacher understood.

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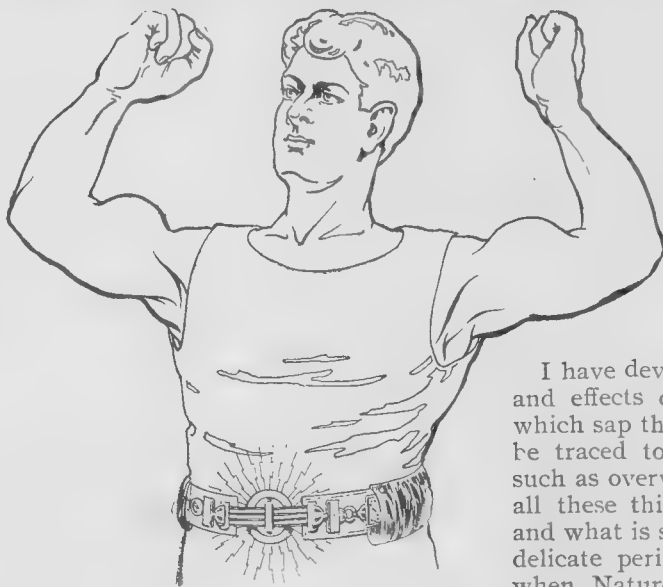
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Bowling to the wind's chill waves,
E'en to Winter's emissary,
White-capped, whirling, first snow-flurry.

It grumbles not; but bears with grace,
The snowy burden on it placed,
Yet glad, when by a sunbeam kissed
Its fleecy load dissolves in mist.

And little Marigold stands there
Erect, and fresh as lady-fair,
Smiling back in merry mood,
To the Sun, its gratitude.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The tree frogs of South America sing as musically as birds.

The chipmunk lays by stores and sleeps from mid-November till spring.

A silken thread is three times as strong as a flaxen one the same thickness.

Horses, giraffes and ostriches have, in proportion to their size, larger eyes than any other living creature.

At the railway stations in Russia books are kept in which passengers may enter any complaint they wish to make.

In the capital of Honduras all the houses in the poorer quarters are made of mahogany, which costs less than pine there.

The salmon is, for short distances, the swiftest swimmer of any fish. It can travel at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour.

The mattresses used in the German army are stuffed with little rolls of paper, and are said to be a great improvement on straw.

Of all the boy workers in London, newsboys are the healthiest, barbers' boys the most unhealthy—a tribute to the open-air life.

Instances of extreme old age are more common among those who exercise themselves with gardening than in any other employment.

Greenland was so called when first discovered by an exploring party of hardy Icelanders. The sight of this green oasis amid arctic wastes was the source of much pleasant surprise.

So many languages are spoken in the provinces of Austria-Hungary that interpreters are employed in the various parliaments to interpret the speeches of the delegates and make them intelligible to all the members.

A Calcutta paper tells of a doctor in a Bengal hospital who had a bearskin doormat. In a few days it was plucked entirely bare. Whatever ailments the patients complained of, they regarded a few hairs from the doctor's mat as more curative than the medicines he prescribed.

The alget in a woman's bonnet is the crowning beauty of an egret mother. The collector seizes the bird while she is on her nest, with the young just hatched, and tears off her plumes and wings, leaving her to die beside her little ones, who, deprived of her fostering care, also die.

Many centuries ago, in Florence, the very first men who made a business of lending money were members of the great Medici family, whose coat-of-arms consisted of three gilt balls.

When other men took up the same sort of business they adopted the Medici arms also, and so the custom has continued to the present day.

There are several species of fish, reptiles and insects which never sleep in the whole of their existence. Among fish it is positively known that pike, salmon and goldfish never sleep at all; also that there are several others in the fish family that never sleep more than a few minutes a month. There are dozens of species of flies which never indulge in slumber.

Milan, the center of Italy for the moving picture machine trade, has already about forty such theatres. Every available hall is being turned into a moving picture show, while nearly every second and third-rate theatre and "cafe-chantant" finishes the evening's entertainment with a few cinematograph pictures. During the summer months even the larger theatres are used.

Locusts are proving hardly less destructive in German Southwest Africa than the three years' rising of natives. A settler not long ago attempted to defend his little plot of land by digging all around it a ditch one yard broad and of equal depth, at the bottom of which he lit a fire. But the insects swarmed into the ditch till the flames had been extinguished by their accumulated corpses.

The largest mica mine in the world is located at Sydenham, Ontario, sixteen miles from Kingston. The product is mostly amber mica, with some silver, amber, the highest quality mined. The mine is one mile from the upper end of Sydenham Lake, and the mica is transported in bulk from the mine by barge to the railroad at Sydenham, where it is shipped to Ottawa for trimming for the market.

With the final closure of the Colorado River, the great Salton Sink, which was inundated as the result of a poorly-constructed headgate of an irrigation canal, and rapidly converted into an inland sea, will gradually dry up. Inasmuch as there are practically no outlets for this vast body of water, the Sink must naturally evaporate to dryness. According to scientific opinion, the Salton Sea will dry up in about eight years.

An extraordinary addition has been made to the exhibition of inventions now being held in Berlin. A shoemaker named Wagner, living in Strassburg, sent in a clock of the grandfather shape nearly six feet high, made entirely of straw. The wheels, pointers, case and every detail are exclusively of straw. Wagner has taken fifteen years to construct this strange piece of mechanism. It keeps perfect time, a Berlin report says.

Beggars in Persia ride on donkeys and often make long journeys. How they manage to obtain these useful animals, or even to exist themselves is beyond European comprehension. The Persian tramp, astride his donkey, will journey as far as Meshed or Mecca when he returns with the proud title of "Hadjji." Useful as the donkey is to his mendicant master, the latter often treats him in a most brutal fashion. When the unfortunate animal needs encouragement a piece of chain is a frequent substitute for a whip.

There is a blind girl in Nova Scotia, about thirty-five miles from Halifax, who has done such wonderful things in the last two years that the people have come to believe that she is a witch, and are afraid of her. She can tell when a storm is coming, no matter if it is two weeks off. She can tell when schools of fish will come along the coast; when any one in the village is to fall sick; when any one is to lose his cow or horse. If a crime is committed she gives a description of the criminal and sometimes tells where he is hiding. In July she predicted the loss of a steamer on which her own father would be a passenger, and he was lost with the vessel.

Facts and Figures.

Some of the great Atlantic liners employ 150 firemen.

In Paris there is a Buddhist temple with 300 members.

The annual fish catch of England is valued at \$53,960,000.

In northern Australia there is one white man per 700 square miles.

Contracts for 13,000 miles of new railroads exist in the United States.

There are now 262,000 Sunday schools in the world, with a total of 26,000,000 pupils.

A pig buried under a strawstack for 17 days, and being without food or water all that time, has come out to live on.

Putting up telegraph wires on poles costs \$155 per mile. Laying the same wire underground will cost more than ten times that sum—about \$1,850 a mile.

Every soldier in the Russian army is to be provided with a pocket compass with a luminous needle, and 300,000 compasses, costing \$400,000, have already been ordered.

Connecticut leads the list of States in the number of patents granted during 1907, when 920 were issued to Nutmeg inventors, according to the report of the commissioner of patents.

An extraordinary pair of elephant tusks lately shown in London measure in length eleven feet five inches and eleven feet, respectively, but each has a girth at the base of only 18½ inches, and together they weigh but 293 pounds.

In Warwickshire if the young men can catch a hare and bring it to the parson in the morning of Easter Monday he is bound to give them 100 eggs and other presents. As hares are uncommon there this time of year, the prize is seldom claimed.

In 1777 nails cut from cold iron were for the first time thus manufactured in this country at Cumberland, R. I. Some men who had deserted from the British army began the manufacture of glass in 1780 in Temple, N. H. Two years later a firm in Philadelphia began manufacturing fustians and jeans.

One of the most curious mines in the world is in Tongking, China, where, in a sand formation at a depth of 14 feet to 20 feet there is a deposit of the stems of trees. The Chinese work this mine for the timber, which is found in good condition, and is used in making coffins and troughs, and for carving and other purposes.

The development of watercress growing in Dorset, England, is enormous. One firm near Bere Regis employs no fewer than 40 men in the cultivation, cutting and packing of cress, and the proprietor publicly stated a few days ago that he pays \$10,000 a year in wages. The watercress, which is scientifically cultivated, is sent to all parts of the country.

According to the best authorities, the total number of years elapsed since, in the light of best geological evidence, men first appeared upon earth is placed at 238,000. Of this, 78,000 years belong to the pre-glacial period, 100,000 years to the glacial, 44,000 years to the interval between the glacial epoch and the proto-historic and neolithic, 10,000 years to the two last named epochs, and 6,000 years to the time elapsed since the beginning of the historic period in Egypt.

The rails of the Mexican Gulf railroad are laid on mahogany sleepers; and the bridges built of white marble. In west Mexico is a line with ebony sleepers and ballast of silver ore drawn from the mines beside the track. The engineers constructing these railways had no other material on the route and found it cheaper to use these seeming extravagances than to import the ordinary material.

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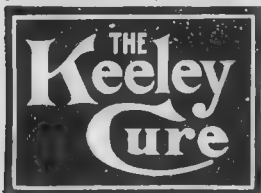
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TEMPERANCE TALK.

Some Fifteen Years Ago.

I wandered to the grog shop, Tom, I stood before the bar, And drank a bowl of lemonade and smoked a rank cigar, The same old kegs and jugs were there, the ones we used to know. When we were on the round-up, Tom, some fifteen years ago.

The barkeeper is a new one, Tom the one who used to sell Corrosive tanglefoot to us is smoking now in H-alifax. The new one has a plate glass front, his hair is combed quite low, He looks just like the one we knew, some fifteen years ago.

Old soaks came up and called for booze, and dudele's staggered in, And burned the lining from their throats with fine old Holland gin; And women stood outside the door, their faces seamed with woe, And wept just as they used to weep, some fifteen years ago.

I asked about the old-time friends, those cheerful sporty men, And some were in the poor house and some were in the pen; And one—the one we liked the best—the hangman laid him low, The world is much the same, dear Tom, as fifteen years ago.

I asked about that stately chap whom pride marked for its own, He used to say that he could drink, or let the stuff alone; He perished of the James H. Jams out in the storm and snow, Ah, few survive who used to bowl some fifteen years ago.

New crowds line up against the bar and call for crimson ink, New hands are trembling as they pour the stuff they shouldn't drink; But still the same old watchword rings, "This round's on me, you know," The same old cry of doom we heard some fifteen years ago.

I wandered to the churchyard, Tom, and there I saw the graves Of those who used to drown themselves in red fermenti waves; And there were women sleeping there, where grass and daisies grow, Who went and died of broken hearts, some fifteen years ago.

And there were graves where children sleep for many a year, Forgetful of the woe that marked their short, sad journey here; And 'neath a fine tall monument, in peace there lieth low, The man who used to sell the booze, some fifteen years ago.

—Walt Mason.

Why Men Do Not Stop Drinking.

Everyone knows something of the effects of whisky along the lines of vice and crime. But men who drink to excess are not all vicious, and comparatively few are criminals.

Everyone knows of the poverty and misery that follow in the wake of drunkenness. But men who drink are not invariably poor; neither do they all neglect their families.

Inebriety in itself is not a question of morals or economics. It is a question of physical condition. It may lead to different complications with different individuals. But there is one point that must be common ground with all men who drink to excess, and that is the physical effect.

Unquestionably the crime and misery that are justly attributed to whisky have much to do with the false ideas concerning it. These things are too often looked upon as the whole of inebriety, instead of as one of its factors. And the man whose potations are not characterized by such manifestations is apt to think it is because he drinks more moderately, rather than to attribute it to its true cause of a difference in temperament.

He doesn't like to be mentioned in the same connection with the man who drinks to excess, and if his family or friends venture to suggest that liquor is getting too strong a hold on him he resents it very quickly.

It is unfortunate that whisky is not

more uniform in its visible results. For it is hopelessly alike in its real effect on every person who drinks it. Whether its use is commenced as a social diversion or a physician's prescription, if it is continued it will lead to disease and suffering.

Alcohol is distinctly a poison. And poisons cannot be taken indiscriminately without causing disease. The poison of alcohol causes a diseased condition of the nerve cells. They become so accustomed to performing their duties and functions under its influence that they are dependent on it and will not perform those functions painlessly without it. This cell necessity constitutes the disease of inebriety, and the craving for liquor is merely a symptom of the disease.

Some constitutions are more susceptible to the poison than others, just as some constitutions are more susceptible to the poison of different diseases than others. But the difference is not a question of intellect or will. It is a physical difference. Two men may be gin to drink under similar circumstances, and one may remain a moderate drinker while the other becomes a drunkard. But the man who becomes the drunkard may be the one with the brightest intellect and the strongest will.

There is no advance test of possibilities in this particular. And if there were, the moderate drinker is liable at any time to cross the somewhat indefinite and elastic line that is supposed to stretch between himself and the confirmed drunkard. Of course, he does not intend to. No one ever willingly became an inebriate. No one deliberately plans to destroy his health, ruin his happiness or wreck his business.

But whisky will do all these things. It is more insidious than any other poison. It is more treacherous than any other enemy. It promises strength to the feeble, and success to the discouraged. But it breaks every promise. And it does this so shrewdly that its victim does not know he is being cheated.

Whisky dulls a man's perception so that he cannot discriminate between advantages and disadvantages. It paralyzes his will, and when some glimmering of his true condition finally dawns on his benumbed consciousness and he tries to give up the drink that has caused his undoing he finds that he is powerless to do so. Whisky has controlled his actions like a relentless demon. But that is only a small part of its work. It has created a diseased condition that he cannot overcome. He is a sick man. And the strange feature of the case is that he must have the whisky. It has produced a condition that demands its continuance.

He doesn't understand the philosophy of it, but if he tries to do without liquor he suffers torture. His friends may advise, and his family may implore. He drinks because he must. He cannot cure disease by means of a diseased and weakened will.

Every man likes to feel that he is master of himself. Even the man who drinks because his associations are depraved wants to think that he can stop when he chooses. But there is something more than a mere question of preference involved in most cases. Business requirements have made sobriety a necessity. A drinking man cannot secure a position. The first question that greets his application for work will determine his fitness in that respect. Does he drink? Everything seems to hinge on that. If he drinks a little—occasionally, socially, or in any other manner he may as well not go on with his application. No one wants him. It is a question of total abstinence or no job. Or at least a very undesirable job.

The demand for sobriety in industrial positions has been a great promoter of temperance reforms. Men who would not stop drinking through principle have made desperate efforts to stop for business reasons. Sometimes they have succeeded. But they have suffered much in doing so. It pays to suffer sometimes.

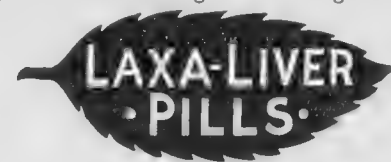
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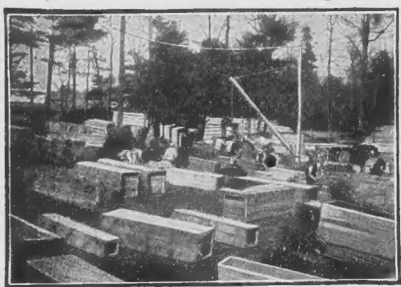
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Laugh a little bit.
Look misfortune in the face;
Brave the beldam's rude grimace:
Ten to one 'twill yield its place
If you have the wit and grit
Just to laugh a little bit.

Cherish this as sacred writ,
Laugh a little bit.
Keep it with you—sample it,
Laugh a little bit.
Little ills will sure betide you,
Fortune may not sit beside you,
Men may knock and fame deride you,
But you'll mind them not a whit
If you laugh a little bit.

A Few Funny Sayings.

Tommy—Say papa, I wish you would tell me something.
Papa—Well, what is it?
Tommy—When you were a little boy, who was my papa?

"What sort of a girl is she?"
"Oh, she's a miss with a mission."
"Ah!"
"Her mission is seeking a man with a mansion."

He—"If I should kiss you, what would you do?"
She (startled)—"I never measure an emergency until it arises."
He—"If this emergency arose now, how would you meet it?"
She (encouragingly)—"Face to face."

So-and-So—Barker knows his own business.
Humphrey—Yes; but he doesn't mind a little thing like that.—Puck.

"Why on earth did you ever marry me?"
"Oh, don't be so bromidic! That's what everybody asks."—Cleveland Leader.

"Mamma, can I ever be President?"
"Alas, no, my child. You were born before papa and mamma came to Ohio."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Was his auto going so very fast?"
"Your honor, it was going so fast that the bulldog on the seat beside him looked like a dachshund."—Houston Post.

The teacher was telling them about the different seasons. He said—"Now, one of you boys tell me which is the proper time to gather fruit?"
"When the dog's chained up," replied Johnnie.

First Comedian—What's the difference between a beautiful young girl and a codfish?

Second Comedian—Give it up.
First Comedian—One has a chance to become a fall bride and the other to become a ball fried.—Brooklyn Eagle.

"Morning, morning!" said pater familias genially as he entered the breakfast room. "I've had a splendid night. Slept like a top!" His wife agreed with him. "You did," she replied grimly—"like a humming top!"

First Scholar—"What's the 'lectrician doin' over at the school house?"

Second Scholar—"Puttin' in a 'lectric switch."

First Scholar—"Gee mully! If they're goin' ter do the lickin' by 'lectricity, I quit."

Teacher—"You have named all the domestic animals save one. It has bristly hair. It is grimy, it likes dirt and is fond of mud. Well, Tom?"
Tom (shame-facedly)—"That's me."

A Cannon Ball. "I served six months durin' de war, mam!" imparted the begging tramp, to the soldier's widow.

"You did?"
"Yep; an' de most o' dat time I carried a ball around wid me!"
"Oh! poor man. Were you shot?"
"No'm. De ball wuz chained t' me ankle!"

He Knew the Place.

A citizen of Seattle who had looked upon the wine when he was no longer sure what color it was, in the course of his journey home encountered a tree protected by an iron tree-guard. Grasping the bars, he cautiously felt his way around it twice.
"Curse it!" he moaned, sinking to the ground in despair. "Locked in!"

One Close By. Bloomer—You sat up with Miss Gay to see the showers of meteors the other night, didn't you?
Spoonster—Yes, we stayed out till 1 o'clock.

Bloomer—Did you see many of them?
Spoonster—Well—er—I declare, I never thought to look!

Near Wall Street. Meeting an old friend at the convention, Casey asked him where he lived and what he was doing. "I'm living in New York and trying to make an honest living," was the answer. "Well, ye's should do all right there," said Casey. "Ye's will hev very little opposition."

A Useful Book. "Willie," said the minister laying his hand on his head, "What is the best book?"
"The dictionary sir."
"What? Isn't the Bible better?"
"No, sir. It's pretty good, though; I can stand on my tip toes on it and reach the jam shelf. But the dictionary is better."

The Same Story. "Before we were married," said Offey, "She used to say 'by-by' so sweetly as I went down the steps."
"And what does she say now?" asked Snoddy.
"Oh, just the same 'buy-buy.'"

A Gladsome Event. She—Do you remember that thirty years ago you proposed to me, and that I refused you?
He—Oh, yes. That's one of the most treasured recollections of my youth.

Afraid of Machinery. A little city chap was offered a chance to spend a week in the country, but refused.

Coaxing, pleading, arguing, promising of untold wonders, alike brought from him nothing but the stubborn ultimatum. "No country for mine!"

"But why not?" some one asked finally.

"Because," he finally responded, "they have thrashin' machines out there; an' it's bad enough here, where it's done by hand."

An After Thought. "Pardon me, sir," began the portly person in the railroad train to a man who sat next to him, "but what would you say if I sat on your hat?"

"Suppose you sit on it and then ask me," suggested the other.

"I did," admitted the portly person, calmly.

The Dizzy Whirl. Mr. Hardapple—Mandy, here be a letter from our boy Zeke. He writes that he is down at the seashore moving in rapid circles.

Mrs. Hardapple (horrified)—Moving in rapid circles! Why, Hiram, you must write to him to come home at once.

Mr. Hardapple—Don't be worried, Mandy; he's not in bad company. He is ticket collector on a merry-go round.

Cause for Annoyance. Bill Nye used to tell this story of a Frenchman who was visiting America. After opening his mail one morning he wore so gloomy an expression that his hostess asked him if he were ill.

"No, no," he replied, sadly; "but I am dissatisfied. My father is dead!"

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Fierce and long the conflict rages, ever watchful thou must be, Praying ever for His guidance, who has given His life for thee, Hear His voice forever ringing high above the toil and strife, "Be thou faithful till the finish, I will give the Crown of Life."

Help us, O Thou great Redeemer! all our lives to follow Thee, We would be Thy loving servants, we would give our all to Thee; When the road is dark and dreary be Thou ever by our side; When the path is bright and cheerful, be Thou still our constant Guide.

Many things will surely tempt us, fiery trials we each shall see, But we have Thy gracious promise, if we still but follow Thee; Help us, then, to follow fully; fill our hearts with Thy great love; Then at last we each shall see Thee, in Thy glorious home above.

We shall see Thee in Thy kingdom, we shall hear Thy gracious voice, Thou wilt gladly give us welcome, Thou wilt bid our souls rejoice: "Well done, good and faithful servant! thou hast now the victory won." And we answer, "Yea, Lord, truly! by the merits of Thy Son!"

"By His love alone we triumph, He has led our hearts to Thee, He has kept us through life's journey, to His praise our song shall be," Safe at last in Heaven's bright mansion, safe through all the toil and strife, We will tune our harps right gladly, when we take the Crown of life.

—Chas. D. Powell

MISCELLANEOUS.

A little salt added to the water when scrubbing willow furniture will give it a fresh appearance.

Match marks on a polished or varnished surface may be removed by first rubbing them with a cut lemon and then with a cloth dipped in water.

By rubbing nickel and silver ornaments with a woolen cloth saturated with spirits of ammonia they may be kept bright with but little trouble.

Tall flower vases should be weighted by pouring in a small quantity of shot or pebbles that they may not be easily overturned. Sand is also useful in this connection.

To extract juice from a lemon without extracting the seeds, roll the lemon until soft and puncture one end of it with a fork, when the juice may be easily squeezed out.

An enameled kettle which has been allowed to boil dry should be immediately filled with boiling water. Cold water poured in in such a case would cause the enamel to chip.

Looking glasses ought always to be washed with soapsuds and warm water and then polished with a newspaper made into a pad. This will give them a very brilliant polish.

Teapots that are made of metal, if unused for some time, will often give a musty flavor to the tea when next used. This may be prevented by placing a lump of sugar in the teapot before putting it away.

Diamonds, whether genuine or imitation, should always be cleaned by rubbing them with a soft brush dipped in soap and water. This will remove the dust around the setting of the stones. Then rinse the jewel in some alcohol, such as eau de cologne or spirits of lavender, and place in some fine bran or sawdust. Leave them for a little time; when quite dry the sawdust can be easily removed.

In packing away winter clothes a good way to avoid the disagreeable smell of moth balls is to pack clothes away in lavender. This not only keeps away moths, but imparts a delicious odor to your clothing when taken out in the fall.

A Simple Lubricator.—The ice-cream freezer needed oiling badly, but no oil of a suitable character was to be found in the house, and no time to spare to get any from the store. In the emergency hot lard was used with the desired result.

The life of old linoleum may be lengthened by giving it a coat of clear varnish. When dried the varnished surface is easily kept clean with a damp cloth. When there is a badly worn spot in the center it is sometimes a good plan to cut the linoleum through the middle and bring the two outer edges together before varnishing.

To prevent insects from infesting bird cages great cleanliness is necessary. An occasional scrubbing with household ammonia and water will purify the cage wonderfully; but to do this one must have another cage in which the bird may be kept till the washed one is perfectly dry again. It is a good plan to keep a small bag of powdered sulphur hanging in the cage. This will not harm the bird, and will keep off the vermin that are apt to be troublesome in cages even when one is careful as regards cleanliness.

A Cheap Crib for Baby.—When baby needs a bed by herself, take three-foot poultry wire of desired length for the springs, one-foot wire for sides. Chair legs or rounds, which can be obtained at any furniture factory, make fine legs. They can also be used for head and foot. Make frame and tack wire on firmly. Paint all over with white enamel paint, and you have as cute a bed as one could wish for.

Cream Cheese.—A cook whose pantry was depleted of its supply of soft cream cheese, so handy for making sandwiches because spreading so easily, tried an experiment. She took a slice of the common Canadian cheese, cut it into small pieces, then crumbled it with the back of a fork, then worked in enough butter to bring it to the consistency of cream cheese. When spread on sandwiches she was complimented on the excellent quality of the filling.

Ironing-Day Hints.—Proper starching lessens the work of ironing—hence these few hints. To make delicate fabrics look like new: Boil one cupful of rice in three quarts of water; drain and use water for starch. Wet the clothes in it, wring, roll in dry cloth for an hour or two, then iron. (The rice comes in handy for dinner.) Corn starch is better than laundry starch for stiffening lace curtains or other laces. Starch of all kinds should become lukewarm before using. Hot starch turns dainty colors dark and ruins their beauty. Dissolve two ounces of powdered gum arabic in a quart of boiling water, strain, and keep bottled. A little added to starch for dresses and skirts (white or colored) gives an appearance of newness, and they will keep stiff and clean longer than when starched with ordinary clear-starch.

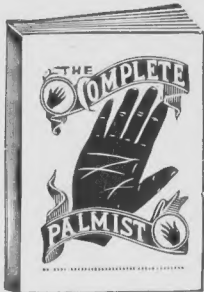
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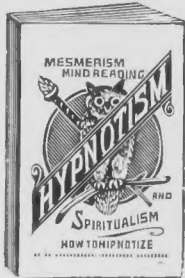
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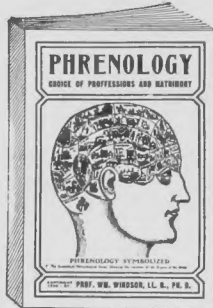
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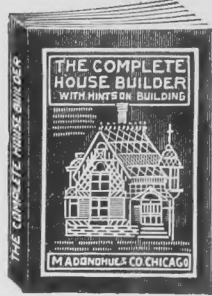
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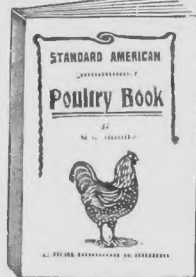
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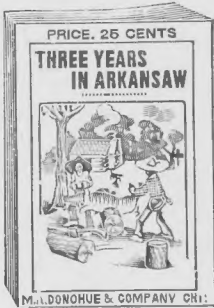
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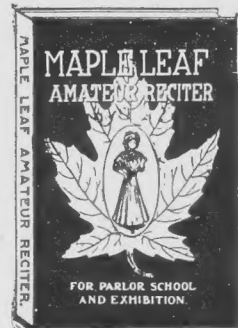
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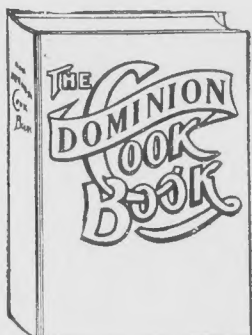


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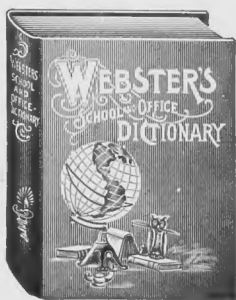
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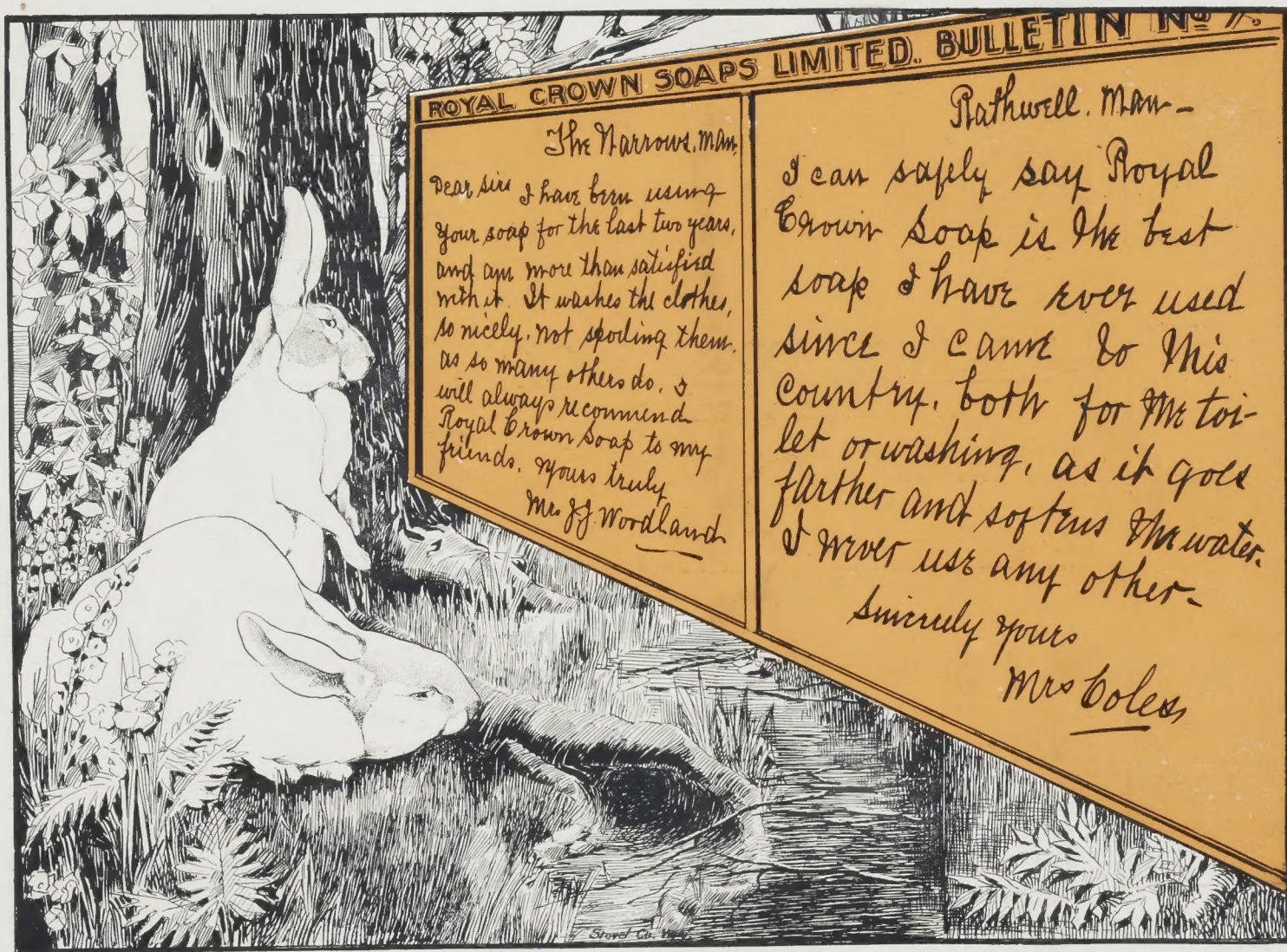
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